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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Flyer isn't just women-owned; it's also queer-owned. The Publisher and I have been married since 2017, but we found each other much earlier in 2013. However, we decided early on that it wasn't anyone's business to know about our relationship while we were trying to build a publication together. Print is an established, classic industry with decades of history and players who have been in the game for nearly just as long. The majority of the business owners and vendors we met in our journey with the Flyer were from an older generation. We didn't want our relationship with one another to supersede our abilities and competence in the eyes of our clientele - especially while we had so much to prove. We wanted others to see how capable we were, not focus on what made us 'different' from them.

However we felt about the visibility of our relationship, we were not going to ignore the need for visibility and support for the local LGBTQ+ community. Soon after we stepped out into the world as the Fresno Flyer, we partnered with the local Fresno Rainbow Pride committee to cover the annual Pride celebrations and have continued to do so every year. But the response from our readership has been and continues to be, mixed.



Every year, after the annual Pride issue hits the stands, I receive a couple of strongly worded letters. These letters regurgitate bible scripture and prattle on about my eternal damnation. Even our digital subscription numbers drop slightly.

That first year, there was a split second in which we wondered whether we were established enough to withstand the blowback of printing a Pride issue. But then we remembered the first time we felt seen, felt represented - we remembered what our first Pride celebrations did for our mental health, self-love, and confidence. Seeing ourselves reflected somewhere in the community made us feel like we were home, and being at a Pride celebration made us feel connected - like we were all family. Those experiences helped us realize that we needed to do our part to help others understand that they are not alone.

It has been over 50 years since the Stonewall Riots; I think it's clear that we're not going anywhere. The Publisher and I feel we owe it to those revolutionary pioneers and future generations to continue raising the visibility of Pride however we can - which includes doing something as small as stepping out as an openly queer-owned business. We certainly don't mind losing a few followers if it means gaining more family.

Qu33r All Year!

Fresno Rainbow Pride is turning 33 and everyone's invited to the party!

By Dave Fountinelle | dave@fresnoflyer.com

For the past thirty-two years, Fresno Rainbow Pride has been throwing the biggest and the best celebration of inclusion and acceptance in the Central Valley. And each year, the crowds have grown more prominent, the party wilder, and the message louder. On Saturday, June 3rd, organizers plan to celebrate Fresno Rainbow Pride's 33rd birthday by once again taking things to a whole new level.

"Last year we set some amazing attendance records, we had nearly 16,000 people at the parade and close to 11,000 people at the festival," says Bryan Cauwels, President of Fresno Rainbow Pride. "This year, we're expecting our largest turnout yet!"

"Our theme this year is "Qu33r All year," Cauwels beams. "The logo was actually created by a member of our Youth group."

Cauwels explains, "The "33" in the title is because this is the 33rd annual parade and festival. We chose this theme because we think it's important to remember that, while we celebrate Pride in June, we are here and in our community year round."

Cauwels promises an impressive parade lineup and an incredible entertainment lineup on the main stage at this year's festival. He is even teasing a few surprises that have not been announced yet for the entertainment stage.

With more vendors, activities, and attractions on hand than ever before, there's sure to be no shortage of things to do, especially for the foodies out there.

"Probably the best news so far this year is that we have quite a few more food booths signed up," Cauwels said. "We [will] have a big variety of food options, including vegetarian and vegan options."

The 2023 Pride celebration is Cauwels' first year as President of Fresno Rainbow Pride. As if that wasn't enough pressure, he's also stepping into impossibly big shoes. Though perhaps that's the reason Cauwels is filled with excitement and anticipation rather than anxiety.

Fresno Rainbow Pride's beloved founder and president, Jeffrey Robinson, tragically passed away shortly before last year's celebration. His passing left a void that will almost certainly never be filled, not just

within the organization but the entire LGBTQ+ community in Fresno. So rather than try to fill those shoes, Cauwels and everyone else at Fresno Rainbow Pride have drawn inspiration from Jeffrey's leadership and carried on in their own way, just as he would have wanted them to.

Says Cauwels, "I wanted to make sure the Fresno Rainbow Pride celebration lived on and we can continue to have something for our community here in the Central Valley to look forward to and enjoy every year."

In anticipation of their biggest shindig yet, Fresno Rainbow Pride has once again partnered with Fresno Economics Opportunities Commission (EOC) to provide shuttle service between parking for the festival at Fresno City College and the parade route in the Tower District. Attendees are encouraged to take advantage of the free parking at Fresno City College and use the shuttles to quickly and easily get around.

One very popular attraction that will be returning to the Fresno Rainbow Pride celebration is the SPCA adoption trailer. Dozens of adorable puppies and kittens will be waiting to find their forever homes. But get there early if you're looking to bring home a new addition to the family; they always adopt out all of their pets every year.

Of course, the main attraction for Fresno Rainbow Pride is the parade. This year, Fresno Rainbow Pride is honoring three Lifetime Grand Marshalls, three individual Grand Marshalls, a Community Group Grand Marshall, and a Local Organization Grand Marshall. The Lifetime Grand Marshalls were chosen due to the tremendous impact they have had on the Fresno Rainbow Pride organization and their contributions to the LGBTQ+ community during their lives. This year's Lifetime Grand Marshalls are Jeffery Robinson, Patty Colucci, and Susan Kuhn.

The first Individual Grand Marshall selected is California Assembly Person Esmerelda Soria. While serving on the Fresno City Council, she was a significant advocate for the LGBTQ+ community and



helped Fresno Rainbow Pride with the parade and festival permitting process. In addition, Soria, along with Jeffery Robinson, was instrumental in bringing the Pride Flag raising to Fresno City Hall.

The second Grand Marshall selection is Kaede Coronado-Acuna. A fierce leader and advocate for young people in the Central Valley and former Community Link Youth Group member, Coronado-Acuna was heavily involved in their high school GSA, going on to become a youth trainer for GSA Networks Youth Council. They now serve on the Central Valley GSA networks staff.

The third Grand Marshall pick is Fresno City Councilmember Annalisa Perea. She represents Fresno's Tower District on the City Council and has been an essential advocate for keeping Tower a safe space for all. Perea was voted into office in the last election and was elected Council Vice President by her colleagues in January.

The Community Group Grand Marshall is The Fools Collaborative. The Fools Collaborative is a collective of artists who produce events with the express purpose of bringing awareness to and raising funds for an assortment of community, charitable, environmental, and social justice-oriented causes. They have raised thousands of dollars for multiple local organizations throughout their six years in operation, including Fresno Rainbow Pride. They were also among the lead organizers of the Save the Tower movement.

The Local Organization Grand Marshall this year is Socorro Santillan and Planned Parenthood. Through the years, Planned Parenthood has been one of the biggest supporters of Fresno Rainbow Pride and the LGBTQ+ community, offering several services through their various programs.

As our society progresses steadily towards equality for all people, youth activism has become a significant driving force in promoting the values of inclusion. Fresno Rainbow Pride is a Community Link project whose youth group - in addition to designing this year's logo - has been working closely with them to provide safe spaces for young

people to find acceptance and support. To that end, Fresno Rainbow Pride has successfully used social media apps like Instagram to promote youth-centric events and stay connected.

"We have to support our youth, they are the future and they need to know that it is safe to be who they are," Cauwels says.

Unfortunately, while public support of the LGBTQ+ community continues to grow, there has also been a rise in anti-LGBTQ+ hate in recent years. For example, members of the Central Valley Proud Boys are accused of vandalizing Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in early April and have been a disruptive presence at several other LGBTQ+ events and drag shows in Fresno. In response to this, Fresno Rainbow Pride will be taking additional steps to ensure all attendees' safety, including hiring more security and implementing a new clear bag policy. Information about these changes can be found on the Fresno Rainbow Pride website.

Cauwels isn't daunted by any of the intolerant rhetoric coming from hate groups, pandering politicians, or sanctimonious zealots. "With so much division in the country right now, we want people in our community to know that we offer a safe space for everyone to freely express themselves and be who they are. It is so important to show people that Fresno is a diverse and accepting community. Our event is a celebration for our entire community and everyone is welcome!"

"So come out, be yourself, have some great food, and help us show the world what Fresno Pride is all about!"

For more information about this year's Fresno Rainbow Pride parade and festival, visit www.fresnorainbowpride.com or follow [fresno_rainbow_pride](https://www.instagram.com/fresno_rainbow_pride) on Instagram. Fresno Rainbow Pride is also looking for volunteers of all ages and abilities to lend a hand. Anyone interested can sign up at www.fresnorainbowpride.com/volunteer.



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As ‘silver tsunami’ grows, Fresno County IHSS caregivers look for a raise

“I don’t think that those little bills should be that big of an issue for me,” she said, “but they are.”

By Melissa Montalvo, Fresnoland

[This story was originally published by Fresnoland, a nonprofit news organization]

As California faces a “silver tsunami,” care workers who help the elderly and disabled live independently in their homes are fighting for a better wage they say is necessary to sustain them.

Over 23,000 Fresno County residents rely on the publicly funded In-Home Support Services program, a number that county officials expect to grow.

Administered by the Department of Social Services, California’s IHSS program provides eligible individuals with in-home care services to keep people living safely in their homes. IHSS workers typically help individuals with basic needs such as bathing, feeding, grocery shopping, and mobility and restroom assistance.

The IHSS program allows wheelchair-bound care recipient Jovonna “JoJo” Martinez to stay in her own home. She said she “wouldn’t last” in a long-term care facility because she fears both the living conditions as well as losing individualized care.

“Without my in-home service care worker, honestly, I would be in a convalescent hospital,” she said in an interview with The Bee/Fresnoland. “And the thought of that just terrifies me.”

Martinez started utilizing the IHSS program over 10 years ago when she developed cataracts that were causing her to go blind. Last year, she broke her hip, which — in addition to existing thyroid-related weight issues, knee problems and degenerative disc disease — has made it even more difficult for her to complete basic tasks like grocery shopping, cleaning the house, and using the restroom.

“I can’t tell you how many times I’ve slipped out of bed and called (my caretaker) in the middle of the night, and she’s come and rescued me,” Martinez said.

Fresno County’s caretaker program will grow

More Fresno County residents are expected to utilize home care services in the

coming years due to the region’s aging population as well as the expanded eligibility for Medi-Cal, according to Sanja Bugay, head of Fresno County’s Department of Social Services. Population projections from the California Department of Finance estimate that by 2050, 18% of Fresno County residents, or 230,770 of 1,226,158, will be over the age of 65.

Bugay said that the program has grown consistently in recent years, a trend she expects to continue. From 2021 to 2022, the program grew by 5%, from 2020 to 2021, it grew by under 2%. Meanwhile, the years prior to that saw about 5% to 6% growth each year, she said.

Currently, 47% of Fresno County’s IHSS recipients are elderly, while 43% are disabled adults, and 10% are minors.

“People have talked about the ‘silver tsunami,’” Bugay said, “and we want to keep this population out of institutional care.”

While Fresno County officials say they are able to find IHSS workers to fill the demand for requested service hours, union officials argue otherwise.

Bugay said the county doesn’t “have a challenge when it comes to recipients finding providers.”

“However, union officials said that in 2022 over 951,000 hours went unfilled in Fresno County alone. Part of the problem is that one in four IHSS workers leaves the profession each year due to the low-pay, according to Service Employees International Union 2015 President, Arnulfo De La Cruz, the union that represents Fresno County’s IHSS caregivers.

“Who would you want taking care of your loved one?” he said. “Would you want someone who’s making minimum wage and benefits, or someone who’s able to care for their own families, too?”

Fight for \$20 per hour

On a late Wednesday morning in mid-March, IHSS caregiver Wendy Davenport

reported for duty at Martinez’s central Fresno home.

That day, Davenport helped Martinez wash her bedding, tidy up the house, and pack a suitcase for an upcoming trip. Davenport also typically helps Martinez get in and out of the shower, get dressed, and prepare meals.

Davenport, who has been an IHSS caregiver for over 10 years, works about 20 hours a week with Martinez and 10 hours a week with another client. And while she loves her job, she struggles to pay off basic monthly bills like car insurance, especially after her husband had a heart attack last year and couldn’t work.

“I don’t think that those little bills should be that big of an issue for me,” she said, “but they are.”

Demand for caregivers is on the rise in California and union leaders, workers, and some economists, say higher wages are crucial to attract and retain the growing caretaker workforce.

Currently, Fresno County has an estimated 18,000-20,000 IHSS workers, “which makes it the largest public workforce in the county,” De La Cruz said.

Earlier this year, the SEIU Local 2015 started the bargaining process for a new contract with Fresno County — a process that Dereck Smith, executive vice president for the union, said he hopes will be complete “within the next couple of months.”

Negotiations for the recently-expired three-year contract culminated in 2019, after eight years of bargaining, union officials said. The process was marked by care workers and labor activist and United Farm Worker co-founder Dolores Huerta getting handcuffed and removed from a Fresno County Board of Supervisors meeting.

“The last negotiation (with Fresno County) took a very long time,” he said, “and we’re hoping that we don’t have to escalate and be at the Board of Supervisors week after week.”

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An Ending and
a Beginning
There are no goodbyes,
only ‘see you later.’



By Nancy Zanicchi-Bobb
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How do you say goodbye to a dearly departed one? The slightest observation can light up a memory and trigger a moment in time, reminding us of a particular memory and warming our hearts. Has that happened to you? The fragrance of a flower or driving past a meadow on the highway, stepping into a bakery and smelling the warm pastry and coffee, or hearing a melody on the radio sparking an intense memory of someone we’ve loved deeply in our past. There really are no goodbyes when someone leaves us physically because they are always with us in our memories, touching us through sight, smell, and sound.

Sudden life-changing events shake the senses and push us into transitions that change us forever. It can be an intense transformation over time as we embrace the bits and pieces of a relationship that is no longer viable yet so very much still alive. Coming to terms with loss is part of our personal growth and can feel like an epiphany as we step into new awareness and unimaginable possibilities. The journey for us continues, and in many ways, the journey also continues for the one we are mourning. Faith and spirituality bring renewed hope and promise. Those who see and believe are blessed indeed. The Universe has perfect timing for clearing the path, providing steps forward as we navigate through life.

There is a common saying, “there are no goodbyes, only see you later.” We are reminded of our loved ones with signs and surreal moments through photographs, letters, books, and social gatherings. Yet, time marches forward with energy, endless love, and sometimes a glimpse of an all-knowing connection.

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Ways to Honor a Loved One:

- Plant a flower garden with his/her favorite seeds or bulbs. Bulbs multiply and bloom every Spring. Use a variety of colors.
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- Write an obituary that bears witness to the extraordinary gift your departed gives you every day, eternal love.
- It's common to acknowledge deep feelings on messy days, it's natural accountability to be observant, mindful, and attentive to our needs. Embrace it and journal it.
- Grief moves forward with us as we transition. Consent to walking the course and be gentle with yourself - own your journey.
- Continue to be empowered by your strength and trust yourself.

Have a blessed May!

Nancy Zanicchi-Bobb, M.A. Counseling Psychology, author & narrator, "I Only Paint in Watercolors, Changing the Landscape, A Relationship with Self", speaker for transition, loss & grief

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One major priority for the union is securing a raise from \$16.10 to \$20 per hour for IHSS workers. Aside from arguing that the grueling work justifies this pay raise, union officials and workers say increased wages will help the local economy because care workers generate tax revenue and contribute to the local economy.

"With the price of things today, that's what we feel will be necessary just to survive," Davenport said. "It's the least we deserve."

How much would this cost?

Currently the IHSS program costs \$688 million to fund in Fresno County alone. However, the county's share of this cost is around \$52 million, while the state and federal government cover the rest of the program costs, Bugay said in an email statement to The Bee.

Bugay estimates that a raise to \$20 for IHSS workers would cost a total of \$103.7 million, with the federal government covering \$50 million, the state \$17 million, and the county \$31 million. SEIU 2015 representatives similarly told The Bee that the increased wages would cost around \$29 million to Fresno County.

Smith, of the SEIU 2015, also discussed the idea of adding just one dollar on

top of current wages to put Fresno County care workers on "on a path to \$20."

While the raise would mean increased costs, union representatives, researchers, and economists say the program saves taxpayers money in the long run.

Keeping people out of hospitals is "so crucial" in this ongoing pandemic, Hannah Archambault, assistant professor of economics at Fresno State said.

Immunocompromised, elderly, and people with disabilities "suddenly (become) really expensive in a hospital."

A 2021 report from the California State Auditor said that the IHSS program saves the state millions of dollars — between \$22,000 and \$153,000 annually per recipient — since these individuals would likely otherwise be placed in long-term care.

Good pay, Archambault said, is essential to keep workers in the field.

Oftentimes, caregivers — who nationwide tend to be women of color — are overworked, she said, either because they are demanded to work more hours by their bosses, or because they need to take those hours to make ends meet.

"For these services to be adequate, let alone outstanding or excellent — which is what we should want from our provision of health care services," she said, "it's absolutely crucial that these workers are paid more."

Negotiations may change from county to state

This could be the last time SEIU 2015 bargains with Fresno County, as the union recently sponsored a bill that would shift bargaining from the county level to the state level.

Authored by Assemblyman Matt Haney, D-San Francisco, the In-Home Support Services Employee-Employer Relations Act, would create a "more efficient way" of planning to attract "caregivers for the future," De La Cruz said.

"We're in this space now where there's a lack of caregivers, all of these consumers (IHSS recipients) can't find a caregiver," he said, "and then we're forced to work at the county level to figure this out. I just think that we can do much better than that."

Bugay, of DSS, said she'd be supportive of statewide bargaining "as long as ... our local costs are really paid attention to."

The bill is working its way through the Legislature and has an appropriations committee hearing scheduled on April 26.

Ultimately, union officials want the public to understand that, at some point, everyone will need care.

"There's really only two types of people as it relates to care: those who are currently needing it," De La Cruz said, "and those of us who are going to need it at some point."

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June is Pride month and here at The Artist Tree, we're celebrating early with a special Pride Artist Showcase starting in May. Visitors to our Fresno retail store and art gallery can enjoy unique works of art by LGBTQ identifying artists and allies to the community.

We are excited to share all the ways cannabis and art can bring us together not only during Pride month but in our everyday lives. Cannabis has played a significant role in the LGBTQ community, helping people to connect, create and celebrate. In many ways, cannabis served as a symbol of rebellion and nonconformity, much like the LGBTQ movement.

Today, and everyday, we're inspired to share that message and to encourage individuality and inclusivity across all genders, cultures and free spirits. Join us in celebrating at our Pride Artist Showcase now until July 31.

Pride Artist Showcase featured artists

Dave Emmet is a punk-science-fiction artist who uses fluid pour-painting techniques to create nebulae, worm-



holes, planetscapes, and all things alien on canvas. He aims for vibes that are loud, vibrant, disruptive, and alive.

"You can use exactly the same color palette and exactly the same technique while listening to exactly the same background music and you'll get a different piece each time. Every painting is its own universe."

—Dave Emmett

David Woodland's earliest memories are of that decade's biggest stories: Watergate, Vietnam, the Black Panther Party, the Manson Trials, local news/daily life in NYC, and the bizarre world of 70's children's shows (e.g. The Electric Company) as seen

through the bluish glow of his low-income family's black & white TV set. He paints these images exactly as they exist in his memory: incomplete, hazy, blue, dark (literally and figuratively) with more than a hint of Hopper-esque loneliness.

"I guess you could say I am stuck in the 70's."

— David Woodland



plex and rhythmic body action, geometry, and psychedelic, cosmic patterns to create paintings that illustrate an "amplified interpretation of emotion."

"Each immersive composition is a physical manifestation of an autonomous state of mind,"

— Joanna Chrys

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Joanna Chrys is a mixed media artist presently focused on creating colorful and textural painted worlds on canvas. Joanna uses dots of acrylic paint to compose and layer her art, creating highly texturized, surreal surfaces. In her fine art practice, Joanna uses com-



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Dying Breed Brewing Mothers Day Paint. Saturday, May 13th, 10:30am. Dying Breed Brewery, 963 Shepard Ct, Ste B, Oakdale. Painting starts at 10:30am so get there a little early to get your cold Dying Breed Brew and get settled into your seat! Paintings typically take about 1.5 to 2 hours to complete. Preferred workspaces are on a first come basis. We promise that you will have a great time and probably surprise yourself at how well you can paint!

ArtHop - Art History Grad Show. Saturday, May 13th, 12pm. Graduate Studios at M Street, 1419 M St, Fresno. Enjoy the Art History Grad Show at the Graduate Studios at M Street in Downtown Fresno.

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Mother's Day Art Class - "Soul Messages" Saturday, May 13th, 1pm. Book of Magick, 136 N C St, Exeter. Your soul has a message for you! Come to class and receive it. Tap into your intuitive gifts with a community of creatives! You are invited to join us as we play with painting techniques to connect to our center. Although this is the day before Mother's Day, you don't have to be a mother to attend. There's no specific theme of this class except to bring forth your soul's most important message for you in the moment.

Afternoon Tea: Featuring Peter and the Wolf. Saturday, May 13th, 3pm. California Arts Academy, 1401 N Wishon Ave, Fresno. A theatrical ballet retelling of the full tale of Peter and the Wolf. Follow along as we explore how musical instruments represent our different characters we meet throughout the story. Complete with live narration, comedic moments and colorful costumes, this is an entertaining Fable for all ages to enjoy!

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MURMUR. Saturday, May 13th, 4pm. Big Table Ranch, 5586 Greeley Hill Rd, Coulterville. Enjoy being an integral part of a unique art event, up close and personal-- and unlike anything you have experienced before. Watch, listen and take in all the "bird" sightings and visual art pieces, led in part by the handy Field Guide Map you'll receive as you enter, and culminating in a "flocking together" and fun and exciting fashion show of costumes by couture designer Colleen Quen of San Francisco. MURMUR is a multimedia dance and art immersion event that grew out of Sarah Bush Dance Project's partnership with the Audubon Society.

Mother's Day Wine & Wheel, Sunday, May 14th, 3pm. Don't waste money on another forgettable gift for mom. Give her an experience she will never forget. Sign her up to learn how to make pottery!

May SWA Art Exhibit. Friday, May 26th, 12pm. Fresno Arts Council, 1245 Van Ness Ave, Fresno. This is our next juried show! This will be another show at which you can earn credits toward your Signature Membership Award. Pick up your work at the Fresno Arts Council Gallery on Friday, May 26th, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Theater

Comedy Night at Bass Lake. Friday, May 12th, 6:30pm. The Pines Resort, 54432 Road 432, Bass Lake. Come catch a healthy dose of Laughs at Bass Lake! COMEDIANS: Headliner: Mark Smalls. Featuring 3 great comedians: >> Arijana Ramic >> Bruce Gray >> Torio Van Grol

Henry Phillips Headlines DiCicco's Old Town Clovis. Friday, May 12th, 7pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis. Henry has performed his stand up and twisted songs on Comedy Central Presents, Jimmy Kimmel Live, and as a regular on the Bob and Tom Show. You may also recognize him as "John the Server Guy" on HBO's Silicon Valley, or as the star of the cult film "Punching the Clown". But die hard fans will know him from his youtube cooking series, Henry's Kitchen, which has garnered millions of views worldwide.

Please Don't Relapse Comedy Show. Friday, May 12th, 8pm. The Republik Ultra Lounge, 115 N Locust St, Visalia. The Please Don't Relapse Comedy Show is based on headliner Brian Nicklas' life. A man with a dark past has changed his ways and has humorous stories to share. Through Brian's sense of humor, witness a spectacle of low low's and high high's. Tickets Online \$15 | \$20 At The Door. 21+ Only

Comedy at The Labyrinth Art Collective. Friday, May 12th, 8pm. The Labyrinth Art Collective, 1470 N Van Ness Ave, Fresno. Featuring Dvontre Coleman, Tanner Torkelson, and Natalia McLovin. Hosted by Mike Wooten

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Comedy For A Cause. Saturday, May 13th, 5:30pm. A. Nonini Winery, 2640 N Dickenson Ave, Fresno. Starting Big Citric, Phil Medina, and Benny Mena.

Comedy Special - Jeremiah Nation. Saturday, May 13th, 6pm. Lil Brick Theater, 119 N Doudy St, Hanford. Comedian Jeremiah Nation is finally ready to capture his act on tape. Get ready for high octane jokes that'll leave you feeling satisfied and dirty at the same time. Lil' Brick Theater - Downtown Hanford across from Huggy's Bar. 2 shows - 6 PM and 8:30 PM. Tickets - \$15 online, \$20 at the door. Feature comedian - Rick Martinez. Hosted by Trent Babb

Brandon Vestal Live at Comedy Row. Saturday, May 13th, 7:30pm. 210 Cafe, 210 W Center Ave, Visalia. Brandon Vestal, of the Oklahoma Vestals, is quickly establishing himself as the funniest Brandon Vestal in the country. Brandon was recently named "comedian of the month" on Sirius/XM radio for his latest album "Smooth" on 800LB Gorilla records.

Just The Tips Comedy Show Headlining Luz Pazos. Wednesday, May 17th, 7pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis.

Just The Tips Comedy Show Headlining Mario Hodge. Wednesday, May 24th, 7pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis.

Slice of Comedy Headlining Phil Johnson. Friday, May 26th, 8pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis.

KABIR SINGH Headlines Solitary Cellars Summer Comedy Series. Saturday, May 27th, 7pm. Solitary Cellars Wine Company, 14439 N Friant Rd, Friant. 21+ Event Bring Your own Chair for Comedy and Wine @ Solitary Cellars Headlining Kabir Singh, Americas Got Talent, SF Comedy Festival winner. Kabir "Kabeezy" Singh is fresh off his standing ovations and four "yesses" on NBC's America's Got Talent on Season 16 which resulted in a deep run coming in the TOP 15 of AGT. Kabir has been a touring headliner for almost a decade now. Kabir has had specials on Amazon Prime and worked for the hit show "The Family Guy" on Fox. His YouTube Dry Bar Special, "Stay Single", has been one of the best-reviewed Comedy Specials on the platform with over 3 Million Views.

The Fresno Community Concert Band: Solemn Remembrance. Sunday, May 28th, 3pm. Paul Shaghoian Memorial Concert Hall, 2770 E International Ave, Fresno. What better way to remember our fallen heroes than with music? We are proud to have as our guest conductor James Lamb, who was named first commander of the California State Guard (CSG) Band and was appointed as a Warrant Officer in August 2013. His credits include Musical Director and Conductor for performances at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Williamson Center. Tickets may also be purchased at Patrick's Music (First/Barstow) and Murphy Bank (Fig Garden Village). If you would like to reserve a group of tickets, please call our Band Manager at (559) 440-9429

Just The Tips Comedy Show Headlining Joe Hill. Wednesday, May 31st, 7pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis.

The image is a colorful flyer for "BLOOMING ADOPTIONS IN MAY TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY". It features a blue background with a yellow sun and white clouds. At the top left is the Fresno Animal Center logo, and at the top right is the Fresno Humane Animal Services logo. The main text is in large, bold, pink and yellow letters. Below the main text, it says "\$25 ADOPTIONS ALL MONTH AT BOTH SHELTERS!". At the bottom, there are two logos for "FRESNO HUMANE COUNTY" and "FRESNO ANIMAL CENTER" with their respective addresses. At the very bottom, there are five cartoon dogs in colorful pots, each with a different breed and color.

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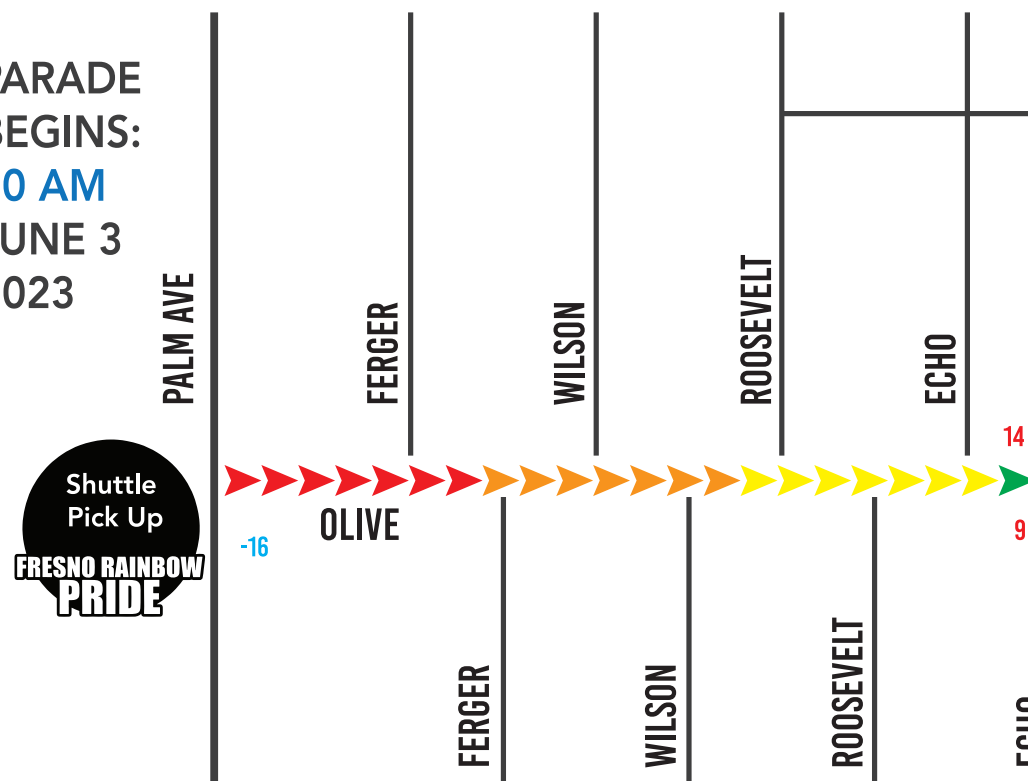
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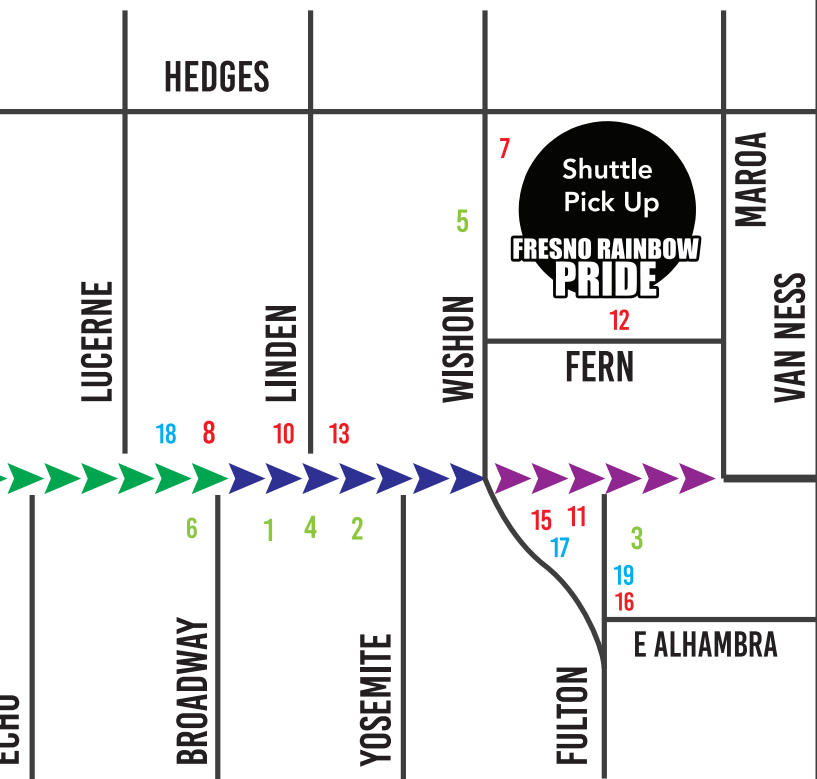
****SHUTTLE**** Two stops for the bus shuttle (8AM-4PM) from/to the festival and parade. The first location will be at the north/east corner of Palm and Olive. The second location will be behind the Dollar Tree on the east/south corner of Wishon and Fern.

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FESTIVAL AREA:
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Alchemist Coffee Lab -7
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747 N. Fulton St.

India's Oven -11
1153 N Fulton St

Livingstone's -12
831 E. Fern Ave

Sequoia Brewing Company -13
777 E. Olive Ave

The Lincoln Pub & Grub -14
609 E. Olive Ave

Richie's Pizza & Hot Dogs -15
844 E. Olive Ave

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1969 Stonewall Inn Riots

Referred to as the 'pin drop heard round the world,' the 1969 riots at the Stonewall Inn in New York sparked a monumental and unforgettable global movement.

In 1969, being gay was a crime, and serving gay people could also land you in jail or, at the very least, with closures and a fine. But that didn't stop people from building their own safe spaces. Gay bars had become a place of refuge - a sanctuary for gays, lesbians, and anyone else who found themselves on the sexually suspect spectrum. These bars were well-known amongst the queer community as a place to safely escape the daily harassment of society and where they could be their authentic selves. However, word would eventually spread about the nature of these particular bars or clubs, and law enforcement nearly always found a way to crash the party.

The Stonewall Inn and other gay-friendly bars frequently suffered raids by law enforcement who sought to disrupt the scene and arrest any suspicious individuals engaged in homosexual activity. On June 28, 1969, the final attack by law enforcement in a series of recent raids erupted into an event that would soon be known as the famous Stonewall riots. During this raid, police escorted people from the building into a police

van, but the crowd didn't disperse as usual. Angry, frustrated, and exhausted from the ongoing harassment, the queer patrons of Stonewall began jeering, throwing bottles and debris at the police officers. The queer community had finally had enough. Law enforcement quickly lost control of the situation, and the protesters rioted well into the early morning.

Rioting continued over the following days as the protesters grew to an astonishing size of roughly 400 individuals. Members of the local queer community heard about the ongoing struggle and aided the patrons at Stonewall in facing off with the local police. It was the first time that gays, lesbians, drag queens, and trans people united behind a common cause to fight injustice.

A year later, on the first anniversary of the riots, the first gay pride marches took place in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago. In the years that followed, gay rights groups erupted in almost every major city in the U.S. to advocate openly for equal rights. Pride has now become a celebration in recognition of how far the community has come since those stark, oppressive days, and those trailblazers who paved the way.



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Slice of Comedy Headlining Marc Yaffee. Friday, June 2nd, 8pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis.

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Slice of Comedy Headlining D.J. Sandhu. Friday, June 9th, 8pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis.

Comedy in the Brewery. Saturday, June 10th, 7pm. Full Circle Brewing Co, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. Born in the city of Los Angeles and later a resident of Tucson, Arizona he was the oldest of the boys and the tension breaker, aka, the wild child. Always known as the funny kid even at a young age, he performed in grammar school to get out his passion to make people laugh.

Self-Improvement

Workshop: Introduction to Final Cut Pro. Saturday, May 13th, 12pm. CMAC, 1555 Van Ness Ave, Suite 201, Fresno. Learn the basics of video editing using Apple's leading video editing software, Final Cut Pro X. We will teach you how to start your project, use various tools, and export your final videos. Membership required.

2023 International Research Council on Computer Science. Friday, June 2nd, 1:30pm. Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, 216 Ventura Ct, Kingsburg. The symposium has long provided a platform for scholars and practitioners in the field of computer science to interact and share the latest research results. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in multiple forums and hear academic experts from around the world share their latest achievements and findings in the field of computer science.

Family

Babies First Family Café May. Wednesday, May 10th, 9am. Cedar Courts, 4430 E Hamilton Ave, Fresno. Come and join the virtual Family Cafés hosted by Babies First program. Refreshments will be provided- if there's dietary restrictions, we recommend bringing your own.

KC KIDS Taste of the Valley Food Event and Auction. Thursday, May 11th, 5:30pm. Kings River Winery, 4276 S Greenwood Ave, Sanger. KC KIDS 9th Annual Taste of the Valley Event Bring your friends, family, and co-workers and join us for a night of delicious food, dessert, and beer and wine under the stars at Kings River Winery.

Disney's Little Roller Skate. Saturday, May 13th, 10am. United Skates of America, Inc. 2881 Peach Ave, Clovis. It's time to bring your Little Rollers out to Skate! Every Saturday Morning from 10:00am-12:00pm. Disney's Top Hits and Kids Pop Music all Session Long! Admission \$8.00 Skate Rental \$5.00 This session is recommended for children 10 and younger

CV Math Bridge Kick-off. Thursday, May 18th, 9am. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Fresno Convention Center, 2233 Ventura St, Fresno. This kick-off will be the first of an annual convening for DE Math Bridge partners in the federal EIR Grant. This event will lay the foundation for the project and launch our multi-year, intersegmental collaboration. This event will be both a "getting to know you" and a "roll up your sleeves and go to work" session.

Fresno Pirate Invasion. Saturday, May 20th, 10am. Kearney Park, 6725 W Kearney Blvd, Fresno. Canon blasts, sword fighting, armored battles - come see what all the fighting is about! Wander the village market place to find looted treasures from jewelry to period clothing. Gorge yourselves with food from different countries of the world.

Wizard of Oz. Saturday, May 20th, 2pm and 5:30pm. Royce Hall Auditorium on the Fresno High campus, 1839 N Echo Ave, Fresno. We at Break the Barriers, Inc., are excited to announce our upcoming Spring 2023 production, The Wizard of Oz! A family favorite throughout generations, Break the Barriers' spin on The Wizard of Oz will showcase artistry and talent from all shapes, sizes, ages, and abilities! As of today, students from 30 dance classes—including aerial arts students—will participate in this production.

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Fresno Pride Parade 2023. Saturday, June 3rd, 9am. Fresno City College, 1101 E University Ave, Fresno. The 2023 Fresno Rainbow Pride Festival returns to Fresno City College, this year bigger and better than ever!

Dino Day. Saturday, June 10th, 9:30am. Childrens Storybook Garden and Museum, 175 E Tenth St, Hanford. Please join us for a fun filled morning of activities include Bingo, Snow Cones, Dino Egg Hunt, & Lots More.

Music

LIVE MUSIC @ the Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge & Patio! Ft. Section 8. Friday, May 12th, 6pm. Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S Court St, Visalia. Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge presents Live Music from talented artists and upcoming musicians. Enjoy dinner, drinks and a live performance!

LIVE MUSIC @ the Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge & Patio! Ft. Travis Brooks. Saturday, May 13th, 6pm. Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S Court St, Visalia. Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge presents Live Music from talented artists and upcoming musicians. Enjoy dinner, drinks and a live performance!

Nostalgia concert pre-Mother's Day. Saturday, May 13th, 7pm. Center for Spiritual Living Visalia, 117 S Locust St, Visalia. Bring your favorite mother for a concert of nostalgia with music by everyone from Irving Berlin to the Caprenters, The Beatles and Sting. An evening of your favorites. You're invited to sing along and get up and dance if you're in the mood.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION w/ THE SANTA CRUZ FAMILY BAND w/ Chronic Cellars! Sunday, May 14th, 4:30pm. The Pour House, 525 Pine St, Paso Robles. Come celebrate those hard working mama's with one of the best bands on the Central Coast! We will have mimosas and swag by Chronic Cellars!

Goodmorning Broken World Tour: FELLY. Sunday, May 14th, 7pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

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ALLEGAEON at Full Circle. Tuesday, May 16th, 5:30pm. Full Circle Brewing Co, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. Allegaeon, The Zenith Passage, Perfect Nightmare, Broken Glass Sanctuary, Discordian Dismemberment, All Ages / \$20 Adv / \$25 Dos.

ELDER, Ruby The Hatchet, Howling Giant. Wednesday, May 17th, 6:30pm. Innate Passage is the sixth Elder full-length. It finds the mostly-Berlin-based band in the post-pandemic era as veterans at the forefront of a league of progressive and heavy groups working in large part under their influence; a stately presence as reliably forward-thinking as they are unpredictable in sound. They are among the most important acts of their mostly-still-emerging generation. Genuine leaders in style and expressive intention. Innate Passage is further proof why.

Live Indie Rock at BarrelHouse Visalia with Jitensha. Thursday, May 18th, 7:30pm. BarrelHouse Brewing Visalia - Taproom and Beer Garden, 521 E Main St, Visalia. An evening of original music and your favourite indie hits with Jitensha! We are a husband and wife, indie rock duo from Montreal, QC. To celebrate our 10th year of playing together we're hitting the road for 5 months to tour the beautiful American west!

LIVE MUSIC @ the Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge & Patio! Ft. Dirty Pop-pas. Friday, May 19th, 6pm. Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S Court St, Visalia. Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge presents Live Music from talented artists and upcoming musicians. Enjoy dinner, drinks and a live performance!

Rolling Loud DJ Night. Friday, May 19th, 9pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. DJ Night featuring music & visuals from the Rolling Loud Fest lineup. ASAP Rocky, Travis Scott, Playboi Carti, Uzi, 21, Yachty, Ice Spice, etc... \$5 adv, \$6 DOS. All Ages.

LIVE MUSIC @ the Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge & Patio! Ft. That Little Band. Saturday, May 20th, 6pm. Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S Court St, Visalia. Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge presents Live Music from talented artists and upcoming musicians. Enjoy dinner, drinks and a live performance!

Taste of Chaos Tribute Night at Full Circle Brewing. Saturday, May 20th, 6pm. Full Circle Brewing Co, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. Taste of Chaos Tribute Night! Featuring tributes to all of your Taste of Chaos favs! Doors 7PM | Music at 8PM | All Ages | Food

Live Indie Rock at Summer Fox with Jitensha. Saturday, May 20th, 7pm. Summer Fox Brewing, 6585 N Santa Fe Ave, Fresno. An evening of original music and your favourite indie hits with Jitensha! We are a husband and wife, indie rock duo from Montreal, QC. To celebrate our 10th year of playing together we're hitting the road for 5 months to tour the beautiful American west! RSVP on Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/2nwsaSfe3> You can join us online at: <http://jitenshamusic.com> ***and*** @jitenshamusic on Facebook and Instagram.

DOYLE of MISFITS, Red Devil Vortex. Saturday, May 20th, 8pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. Doyle, of the legendary punk group Misfits, performing live at Strummers. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

LIVE MUSIC @ the Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge & Patio! Ft. 82 Deluxe. Sunday, May 21st, 3pm. Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S Court St, Visalia. Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge presents Live Music from talented artists and upcoming musicians. Enjoy dinner, drinks and a live performance!

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FORCED TO SUFFER, BULLDOG - Album Release Show, Thousand Yard Stare, Avulsion, Burn Unit. Thursday, May 25th, 7pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. \$10 advance \$15 day of show. Presented by numbskullshows.com

The U2Xperience. Friday, May 26th, 7:30pm. The Pour House, 525 Pine St, Paso Robles. The U2xPERIENCE, the Ultimate Tribute to U2, is arguably one of the best U2 tribute bands in the world.

Country Under the Stars headlined by Country Music Sensation - John King. Saturday, May 27th, 5:30pm. George E Olsen Memorial Park, 400 N Garfield St, Coalinga. This is the 86th Annual Horned Toad Derby Festival and we are incredibly excited to bring to you a line-up of country music talent like our community has never seen before.

MOVING IN STEREO, A tribute to the music of The Cars. Saturday, May 27th, 7pm. The Pour House, 525 Pine St, Paso Robles. If you loved the 80s, then you must love The Cars! Moving In Stereo will play all the classics you know and love and will bring the nostalgia of the 80s back to Paso for one night only. The band is from LA and travel all over and are known as one of the best Cars tribute bands out there, so let's show them some Paso love!

DURANGO FEST 2023! Saturday, May 27th, 8pm. Visalia Convention Center, 303 E Acequia Ave, Visalia. ALACRANES MUSICAL - GRUPO MONTEZ DE DURANGO - KPAZ DE LA SIERRA - PATRULLA 81 - DIANA REYES

90's Cover Show Pt 7. Saturday, May 27th, 8pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. The 90's Cover Show is back! This lineup is super fun! Bands being covered: Rage Against The Machine, Reel Big Fish, Green Day, Creed, and Incubus! \$10 presale, \$15 at the door.

Livewire Reunion Tour. Saturday, May 27th, 9pm. Full Circle Brewing Co, 712 Fulton St, Fresno.

Los Fugitivos en Coalinga. Sunday, May 28th, 4pm. George E Olsen Memorial Park, 400 N Garfield St, Coalinga. Mariachi Melodia de Mexico, Primer Movimiento, Banda La Exitosa, Los Grandes de Tijuana y los Fugitivos: Jaime Espinoza

CupcakKe. Sunday, May 28th, 8pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

NASCAR ALOE Hey Asshole! plus Deathproof Inc. Wednesday, May 31st, 8pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

Summer Smash BBQ Bash. Saturday, June 3rd, 1pm. The Tarmac, 1930 Airdrome Entry, Atwater. Get ready for the ultimate summer celebration at our Summer Smash BBQ Bash! Join us for an all-day and night event filled with mouth-watering BBQ from multiple food vendors, live music from multiple bands, and fun in the sun. Don't miss out on the party of the season! Mark your calendar-Saturday, June 3rd and come join us for an epic Summer Smash BBQ Bash

Atlanta R&B Singer "Angelo Remo'n" Music Writer & Producer. Saturday, June 3rd, 8pm. The Rosé, 820 Van Ness Ave, Fresno. Organized by G & S Entertainment.

Tanner Usrey with The Lowdown Drifters. Sunday, June 4th, 8pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

Secrets at Full Circle. Tuesday, June 6th, 5:30pm. Full Circle Brewing Co, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. Secrets, Outline In Color, Of Virtue, Nerv, TBA All Ages / \$18 Adv / \$23 Dos

Vincent Neil Emerson. Wednesday, June 7th, 8pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

HOBO JOHNSON Loves The West Coast Tour. Friday, June 9th, 8pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

The Witch Hunt Tour. Sunday, June 11th, 7pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. Fueled by "Brews, Brujas and Blunts", Scoundrel is THE heart-pounding metalcore outfit from Fresno, California. Scoundrel thrives with heavy influences from Hardcore, Nu-metal, Deathcore, and Progressive metal with emphasis on raw, force-of-nature-type energy when playing live and in the studio - Sharing the stage with the likes of Carnifex, Left to Suffer, Oceano, Enterprise Earth, Signs of the Swarm, The Faceless, and much more. Join

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559 Fights 97. Saturday, May 13th, 6pm. Visalia Rawhide Baseball Club, 300 N Giddings St, Visalia. 559 Fights is back with live MMA & Grappling action Saturday, May 13th at the Valley Strong Ballpark home of the Visalia Rawhide.

EXTREME DWARFINATORS WRESTLING. Thursday, May 25th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. EXTREME MIDGET WRESTLING is coming back to Fresno for the REMATCH! Tix on Sale Now at www.fulton55.com. 21+

What A Drag Wrestling presents King's Corner. Saturday, May 27th, 5pm. 1121 S Chance Ave, Fresno. Get ready to witness history in the making as What A Drag Wrestling presents King's Corner, where we will crown our FIRST-EVER King of What A Drag! This action-packed event will feature drag kings and professional wrestlers coming together for unforgettable entertainment. Take advantage of this unique experience!

21 and Over

Trivia Night at Splash Fresno. Wednesday, May 10th, 7:30pm. Splash Bar Fresno, 644 E Olive Ave, Fresno. Live multi-media trivia every Wednesday night @ 7:30pm. Splash Fresno- Gay Bar & Nightclub. Free to play. Win prizes. Teams up to 6 players.

Shannon & The Clams. Thursday, May 11th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Shannon & The Clams, with special guest Shana Cleveland.

REGGAETON FEST MERCED. Thursday, May 11th, 9pm. El Palacio Night Club, 224 W Main St, Merced. Come Experience the Premier Reggaeton Party Event filled with wild, Fun and surprising moments throughout the night! Featuring California Top Reggaeton DJs GSP - A-MIL. Follow us on Instagram @ [reggaeton_fest_california](https://www.instagram.com/reggaeton_fest_california)

American Made Concerts presents DELINQUENT. Friday, May 12th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. The debut of Fresno's own DELINQUENT at The Fulton 55-Fresno on Friday, May 12 at 8:00pm! DELINQUENT featuring The Falcon and James Johnson from Betrayel, Lee Tabor from Six Ounce Gloves and Dave Askew from Death Alley Motor Cult, Dead Garden and Vultures Over Vegas. Plus special guests: SPACEHOOKER, FRIEND OR FAUX and TRIAL BY FIRE. \$10.00 Advance/15.00 Day of Show. Get your tickets on-line at: <http://americanmadeconcerts.net> or <http://fulton55.com> or visit our friends at Tower District Records (302 E Olive Ave)

Y2K Night. Saturday, May 13th, 9pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. Y2K Night! 2 rooms of music & visuals from the early 2000s. Free photo booth with prints, giveaways, 2000s inspired dress encouraged. Tickets \$5. 21+ Presented by numbskullshows.com

The Chill Suite: R&B and Soul Jams. Saturday, May 13th, 9pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. The Chill Suite is a monthly R&B event featuring local DJs playing your favorites from classics to today's heat. Enjoy a lounge environment, full bar, games & food truck.

The Killer Dueling Pianos @ The Udder Place. Wednesday, May 17th, 7pm. The Udder Place, 110 W Main St, Turlock. The Killer Dueling Pianos are the #1 rated mobile dueling pianos show in America! The Killer Dueling Pianos are coming to The Udder Place May 17, 2023. Enjoy some great entertainment with drinks & tacos!

Fishbone with special guests Bite Me Bambi. Thursday, May 18th, 8:30pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Fishbone is an American rock band formed in Los Angeles in 1979, that plays a fusion of ska, punk, funk, metal, reggae, and soul. AllMusic has described the group as "one of the most distinctive and eclectic alternative rock bands of the late '80s. Bite Me Bambi hails from Southern California and is comprised of members from OC's most memorable ska bands like Save Ferris, My Superhero, Karate In The Garage, and Suburban Legends. Get tickets on-line at www.fulton55.com or visit our friends at Tower District Records (1930 N. Echo St., Fresno,) and at Calismokeshop2 The Stuffed Pipe (2377 E Shaw, Fresno)

Tribute of a Down, Godzilla Radio and The Red Coats. Friday, May 19th, 8:30pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Fresno's favorite System of a Down tribute act, Tribute of a Down return to Fulton 55 on Friday, May 19. Along with special guests Godzilla Radio and the Red Coats, a guaranteed rockin' good time for all! Tickets on sale at www.fulton55.com, Tower District Records (1930 N. Echo St., Fresno,) and at Calismokeshop2: The Stuffed Pipe (2377 E Shaw, Fresno)

Takin it to the Streets: The Music of Michael McDonald. Sunday, May 21st, 6pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Leslie Letven Bixler and Debi Ruud bring you Takin it to the Streets: The Music of Michael

McDonald. With an all star band featuring: Darrell Devaurs, Craig Vonberg, Phil Wimer, Bill Bixler, Hud Bixler, Robben Bixler, Karter Ruud and more! Special opening set by Robben Bixler. Tickets available on-line at www.fulton55.com

LMC Presents CLYDE P. Friday, May 26th, 9pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. It has been way too long since we partied with our Parisian Brother so why not do it huge on Memorial Weekend!! Join us on the dance floor and let's set this party off right for the one who has been down with LMC from the jump! Opening sets by our LMC Brother Shibby and welcoming Frankie Jay & Honey to the LMC family! We can not wait to see all your beautiful faces on the dance floor!

Ray Obiedo & Friends. Saturday, May 27th, 6pm. Engelmann Cellars, 3275 N Rolinda Ave, Fresno. Ray Obiedo; performed/recorded with Pete Escovedo, Shella E, Herbie Hancock, Grover Washington, Esperanza Spalding and many other luminaries. Ray Obiedo is an American contemporary jazz guitarist. Obiedo grew up in Richmond, California, a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, and began playing guitar at age 17. Initially he played both jazz and R&B, appearing on record with Herbie Hancock, Julian Priester, Sheila E., Grover Washington, Pete Escovedo, Esperanza Spaulding and many others.

Bon Voyage Entertainment Presents Project Bass II: Evaluation. Saturday, May 27th, 9pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Bon Voyage is excited to announce our annual project bass II with Evaluation! He will be bringing that Florida sound to Fulton 55.

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Sidepiece. Friday, June 2nd, 9pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. SIDEPIECE is the brainchild of Dylan Ragland (Party Favor) and Ricky Mears (Nitti Gritti). At only three years old, SIDEPIECE has already racked up some of the most prestigious awards in dance music, being nominated for a Grammy for Best Dance Recording in 2021, as well as having the #1 most supported dance record in the world in 2020, and achieving platinum and gold certifications in a dozen countries for their breakout hit "On My Mind." The duo has rapidly become one of the most sought after house acts in the industry, playing some of the most iconic venues and festivals around the globe like Lollapalooza, EDC, Tomorrowland, Bonnaroo, HARD Summer, and more, and racking up over half a billion plays across their catalogue on streaming platforms to date. Support by MVSTY / DOM SOLO / THE SOLO TWINS

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The Emo Night Tour. Saturday, June 3rd, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Imagine going to a show and hearing Taking Back Sunday, Fall Out Boy, Panic! At The Disco, My Chemical Romance and many more, all only playing their best songs...all night long. Welcome to The Emo Night Tour. The Emo Night Tour DJ's will be spinning all the angst your teenage dirtbag heart desires all night long and a special guest band will make you feel like you're at Warped Tour '08 minus all the dust and melting in the sun!



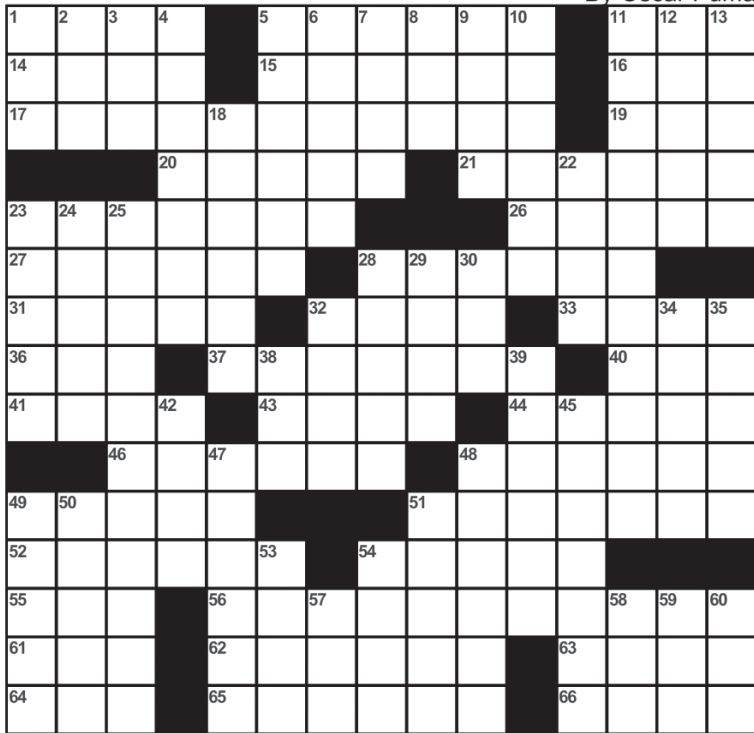
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DOWN

- 1) In favor of
- 2) Arm-over-arm swinger
- 3) Make a motor roar
- 4) Teacher or preacher, e.g.
- 5) Sudden outpourings
- 6) ___ out (made a successful putt)
- 7) "National Velvet" author Bagnold
- 8) Wood-dressing tool (Var.)
- 9) Change course suddenly
- 10) Artificial
- 11) Restore to a particular state
- 12) For all to hear
- 13) Draws, as a line on a graph
- 18) Chatterbox
- 22) Turned a horse right
- 23) Pretentious sort
- 24) Carry away, in a way
- 25) Returned to life
- 28) Casual pair
- 29) Big boats
- 30) Scrabble 10-pointer
- 32) Salacious stuff
- 34) Tool for bending cold metal
- 35) Cornball
- 38) Clairvoyant's claim, for short
- 39) Supplier to an army
- 42) Caroler's syllables
- 45) Marina charge
- 47) Computer-is-working period
- 48) Crinkly leaved cabbages
- 49) Use elbow grease on
- 50) Small woods
- 51) Goblin or bugbear
- 53) Pantyhose woe
- 54) Rackets
- 57) Seven, on a grandfather clock
- 58) It's on some Scottish locks
- 59) "A Nightmare on ___ Street"
- 60) State

ACROSS

- 1) Transit charge
- 5) Bind, as grass stalks
- 11) Grammy category
- 14) Newspaper essay page
- 15) Give thought to
- 16) Wing not for flying
- 17) Restores strength to
- 19) Sweet murmur
- 20) In the cards
- 21) Well-seasoned stew
- 23) Endangered
- 26) Inclines
- 27) Makes shiny and smooth
- 28) Stoked
- 31) Tsunami kin
- 32) Without moisture
- 33) Potluck choice
- 36) One for the off-road
- 37) New versions of old films
- 40) Early afternoon
- 41) Nick's cousin?
- 43) Basks at the beach
- 44) Alaskan craft
- 46) Goes off volcanically
- 48) Larry or Shemp
- 49) Deep-six
- 51) Nonsense
- 52) Exerts no effort
- 54) Delaware city
- 55) Make a decision
- 56) Livens up
- 61) Function
- 62) "... falls ___ on the plain"
- 63) Apple variety
- 64) Cabernet, e.g.
- 65) Breastplates (Var.)
- 66) TV prize

Answers to last issue's puzzles

1	7	2	8	6	5	9	4	3
5	9	4	7	1	3	8	6	2
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WORD YOU MIND?

By Kaye Drummond



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ON THE SCENE - ADVOCATES WITH RESPIRATORS

By Amber Lynette | amberlynette@reaperclean.com

Life can abruptly shift through tragedy. It can come in the form of depression, dysfunction, or unresolved anger, manifesting into addiction, violence, hoarding situations, or in the most extreme of circumstances, homicide or suicide.

While much of society likes to elaborate on the harsh realities of these living conditions surrounding the many configurations of trauma, very little is known about what comes after. Specifically, about who helps families rebuild their homes after the violent loss of a loved one, who removes the needles, or who can safely deconstruct the walls of forgotten animal/human waste built up over years of neglect. Constantly working in the background of grief-stricken families with circles under their eyes and sweat dripping from their respirators is an entire industry of crime scene cleaners.

owners have died to speaking up about fentanyl amongst the youth—the team works hard to make themselves highly personable and direct about their services, especially about the kinds of jobs they'd like to see reduced overall in the community. They even advocate for the health and safety of other crime scene cleaners and the ethics regarding the cleaning of scenes, especially concerning social media and news outlets.

The first media exposure Reaper Clean ever received was in the Tower District. A passerby had stolen a biohazard bin out of Lynette's work truck. Her worst fear was that the waste would be strewn across somebody's lawn after the thief popped the lid and realized what they were hauling. So Reaper Clean posted on the "Please Help Stop Crime in Tower" Facebook page to inform the neighborhood that if this waste ended up on their property,

Reaper Clean would pick it up immediately. The post received a significant response from the public and even gained the attention of multiple news outlets - many reached out for an interview. Reaper Clean only responded to one reporter for a small internet article hoping it would spread the word about finding the bin. However, the result was twisted into a negative portrayal of the neighborhood, with multiple misquotes to sensationalize crime scene cleaning to the viewership. It was a hard lesson learned quickly; unfortunately, the bin never resurfaced.

This column serves to create an ongoing conversation about the community intersections of crime scene cleaning in the Central Valley from an honest, grassroots perspective. Crime scene cleaning can be interesting, educational, and refreshing without being cringe, invasive, or disconnected. If Reaper Clean can demystify the conversation surrounding biohazard cleaning in a down-to-earth and personable way, perhaps the public will have a better understanding of who crime scene cleaners are—veterans, first responders, death care workers, crisis advocates, and a growing number of millennials and younger people that genuinely want to help families find their way through tragedy by doing the work.

For more information about Reaper Clean, go to www.reaperclean.com, email onthescene@reaperclean.com or follow on Facebook, Instagram or TikTok @reaper_clean.



Reaper Clean is Fresno's local biohazard remediation business serving the Central Valley since 2020 for trauma cleaning, hoarding, accidents, and disinfections. Independent and locally owned, they are a small team of professional cleaners who broke away from a corporate infrastructure that overcharged its customers and neglected the well-being of its hard-working field members.

As Fresno is centrally located in California, Reaper Clean can easily reach families two and a half hours in any direction to quickly assist them in emergencies. A Fresnan herself, owner and operator, Amber Lynette, grew up witnessing an unmet need in trauma situations and developed a profound passion for changing it.

Reaper Clean goes beyond just the clean-up - something other companies neglect or refuse to do. The team participates in the community by talking about local resources such as grief support, suicide prevention, and the many other intersections that cross their line of work. From re-homing animals whose

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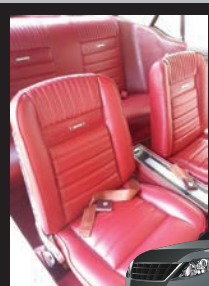
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