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EDITOR'S NOTE



Since 2016, we've been closely following the development of legalized adult-use marijuana and retail cannabis in the Central Valley. Every year has felt as though Fresno was on the precipice of a green rush explosion. Yet, each year came and went without a wave of new dispensaries, despite the promise of several "coming soon" announcements from soon-to-be businesses. Complicated bureaucracy created delays, and rumors rose and fell to the tune of abandoned or rescinded permits. It began to feel as though the day would never come. But finally in 2024, we now have a growing selection of open retail stores right in our own backyard. However, it is a bittersweet moment.

While we celebrate the fruition of the long-time-coming buffet of dispensaries, we have to realize that it came at a cost. Perhaps you've already felt it in your wallet after your first cannabis purchase. Owning and operating a retail store is incredibly expensive - from the taxes to the exorbitant restrictions on cannabis products, it not only means high prices for the consumer but frustratingly narrow access to this industry. In other words, only those with millions of dollars in starting capital can get in the game, and only corporate heavyweights have that kind of upfront cheddar.

Certainly, this is not news to many of you who have been following along. However, it bears repeating that as more and more stores begin to open, it becomes increasingly vital to know whose pocket your money falls into. Like spinach

to Popeye, the profits earned from your purchases only enable that company to grow stronger by taking up more spots in more cities, and in more states across the country. Remember, each city has a limited supply of permits, restricting the number of dispensaries able to open in its jurisdiction. As a result, the application process for each permit is intensely competitive. But whoever wins is able to keep expanding. So, the question ultimately becomes, who do you want to empower?

It isn't much different than choosing to shop local over a major box store. A quick Google search on a store or brand can give you enough information to help you make an informed decision. Luckily, because cities limit the number of dispensaries in their boundaries, doing a little research on each store doesn't take much time. Mention of being a "social equity" business means that the company is part of a program to uplift and support those harmed by the war on drugs. Each store should list the community programs or local nonprofits it donates to somewhere on its website. Perhaps you love your neighborhood dispensary, but it's not a small business - don't stress, try focusing on the brands it carries and find the local owners that way. You'd be surprised how many small, independent growers and manufacturers are on the shelves trying to compete against a corporate brand.

In the end, the direction of the cannabis industry's future is up to you.

California Top Crop:

It's a long way to the top if you want to rock a grow.

By Dave Fountinelle | dave@fresnoflyer.com



To appreciate the vision of Woodlake-based cannabis company California Top Crop, it helps to understand a little about the modern history of cannabis in California.

For over seventy years, California has held the reputation of being one of the premier producers of high-grade cannabis - a reputation carried primarily by a region of the state known as the "Emerald Triangle." Comprising three adjoining counties - Humboldt, Trinity, and Mendocino - the triangle was the largest cannabis-producing region in the United States. Since California adopted Proposition 64 in 2016, which legalized adult recreational cannabis use and sparked the dawn of a new commercial industry, the entire state has been turning green from a wave of cannabis investments. The Central Valley is on track to becoming one of the hottest areas in California for this new market to flourish.

In the years since the passage of Prop. 64, the Central Valley has experienced a "green rush" of businesses seeking to capitalize on some of the state's cheapest and most abundant real estate. At the same time, many Valley communities have been eager to welcome these businesses and forge strong relationships with cannabis entrepreneurs. One community that has been on the forefront of cannabis investment is the town of Woodlake, which was among the first Valley towns to approve recreational cannabis licenses for retail and production. Their willingness to work with cannabis businesses has been mutually beneficial, bringing in good-paying jobs, revenue, and community investment. In doing so, Woodlake has set an example of how embracing the cannabis industry can be a true boon for the Valley economy.

One of the companies making waves in Woodlake is California Top Crop. In just under a year of op-

eration, California Top Crop has placed its high-quality cannabis products in over 60 locations across the state. An impressive feat for any business, the accomplishment is made all the sweeter by the fact that California Top Crop is literally built from the ground up by the owners' very own hands.

"Our blood, sweat, and tears are seriously in every beam, wall, and piece of equipment in this building," Co-Owner Chad Whited beams proudly.

The result of that sweat equity is California Top Crop's fantastic ten-thousand-square-foot warehouse facility. It is insulated well enough to keep inside temperatures in the low 70s, even as Valley summers push the mercury into the 110+ range. Moreover, it's rigged up with an integrated electronics network that could have come straight out of a decommissioned space shuttle. The quality of construction would be impressive coming from any of the biggest cannabis corporations in the state. That three determined friends constructed it with help from a handful of contractors is nothing short of amazing.

The attention to detail and uncompromising quality are for a good reason. California Top Crop seeks to set itself apart from the big hitters in the cannabis industry by proving there's a space for top-shelf, small-batch growers to thrive. The team produces high-end cannabis products for discerning consumers looking for quality over quantity.

Whited describes California Top Crop as a "farm to dispensary" company.

"What that means is we grow and process everything here in our facility. Then



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The 559 Station:

Groovy Vibes in Heart of Fresno

By Dave Fountinelle | dave@fresnoflyer.com



Retail cannabis finally arrived in Fresno in 2023, with more dispensaries on pace to open in 2024 and beyond. More choices mean more options for consumers, and one of the city's newest dispensaries wants to be Fresno's first choice for all of its cannabis needs.

Located across from the Fashion Fair Mall, The Station 559 is a locally-owned dispensary with a simple mission: put the people and the plant first. Putting people first means providing exceptional customer service from their friendly and helpful staff. The Station 559 employs a team of knowledgeable budtenders who are

passionate about their products and focused on educating customers to ensure they find the perfect flower, concentrate, edible, or topical to meet their needs. It also means offering customers the highest quality for the lowest prices in town, including 3.5g flower for as low as \$8, 1g vapes for \$15, and 100mg gummies for \$9. On average, these prices are about 25-30% cheaper than competing dispensaries.

Putting the plant first means offering high-end cannabis from brands such as Ted's Buds, Fig Farms, UpNorth, and Northern Emeralds -

companies known for their superior genetics and exceptional terpene profiles. It means working with great local growers and brands, including Clearly California, and Buzznug Flower.

With over twenty years of experience in cannabis retail, The Station 559's owners have forged strong relationships with the people and communities in Fresno. As part of its commitment to give back, The Station 559 actively donates a portion of profits to local charities and nonprofits. Their community room is available at no charge for neighborhood

events. The Station 559 also proudly supports cannabis education and drug abuse awareness programs to help promote responsible use.

Located in the heart of Fresno, at 618 East Shaw Avenue, The Station 559 is easily accessible from Highways 168 and 41, making it a convenient stop no matter where you live.

The Station 559 is open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Their full menu is available for walk-in customers or express pickup and can be found on their website, station559.com. For the latest news, including deals and popups, follow them on Instagram @thestation559.



ON THE SCENE - ANIMALS IN BIO-HAZARD SITUATIONS

By Amber Lynette | amberlynette@reaperclean.com



When Second Chance Animal Shelter in Selma faced permanent closure by December 31st, it was a race against time for all its 100+ furry residents. However, animal lovers and rescuers throughout the Central Valley came together and found them all new homes before the shelter's doors closed for good. The community was able to take every furry face shared across social media out of the danger zone just before New Year's Eve—and it was a celebratory feat to bring into 2024. But with one less shelter actively working to save lives, finding safe places for animals in need is becoming more difficult. California currently holds the highest euthanasia rate in the entire country due to overcrowding, and animal rescue has become everybody's problem—including Crime Scene Cleaners.

From owners who have passed away to extensive hoarding situations, technicians are prepared to advocate for the well-being of both people and animals after a tragedy. It is not uncommon for Crime Scene Cleaners to come across animals inside of a biohazard incident. Treats are usually already on the truck, along with a safety plan in case a dog or cat is discovered—especially since they may be afraid, dehydrated, or starving.

If a pet owner passes away at home alone, a pet must fend for itself until discovered. Sometimes, they are found in time—but it all depends on access to food and water and if there are any underlying health conditions. Just last month, Fresno's local Biohazard Remediation Service, Reaper Clean, responded to a difficult situation involving one deceased dog, a second dog that survived and was able to go home with extended family, and one cat that went undiscovered despite hours of searching. The team left out a can of tuna and a bowl of water before leaving, just in case. In this situation, there was a family member capable of taking them in. Still, it is also very common for animals that survive an unattended death to need rescue.

Hoarding is another situation where Crime Scene Cleaners find animals. If a person is hoarding animals, it will likely be a combination of biohazard cleaners, first responders, and animal rescue workers collaborating to retrieve all the animals safely. If a person is hoarding items and simply has a normal number of pets living in this situation, it may be possible for the animals to be fostered while the home is being remediated. The animals can return once the home is restored and proper care is in place. If friendly enough, some pets can even remain on site while technicians are working, as long as there is a safe place to keep them out of the way.

In instances where animals are found deceased, Crime Scene Cleaners are often tasked with the removal as well as clean up. In California, it is legal to bury a pet in your backyard as long as there is no health hazard or nuisance caused by it. However, it is illegal to bury animals on public property. In some California counties, deceased animals weighing less than 15 pounds may be disposed of in an outside trash receptacle as long as they are sealed in waste containers or bags before arriving at the landfill. Veterinarians, pet cemeteries, and city programs may also offer pick-up or cremation services.

Reaper Clean has assisted families in trauma situations with re-homing pets by sharing on social media, networking with legitimate rescues throughout the Central Valley, and even personally fostering while waiting for rescue. Helping animals in biohazard situations is just as important as helping families heal after tragedy—and Crime Scene Cleaners are trying to do their part in offering second chances.

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

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we package and deliver every order to the dispensaries personally," Whited explains. "This way we can guarantee that every single California Top Crop product is the highest quality. Otherwise, we wouldn't put our name on it."

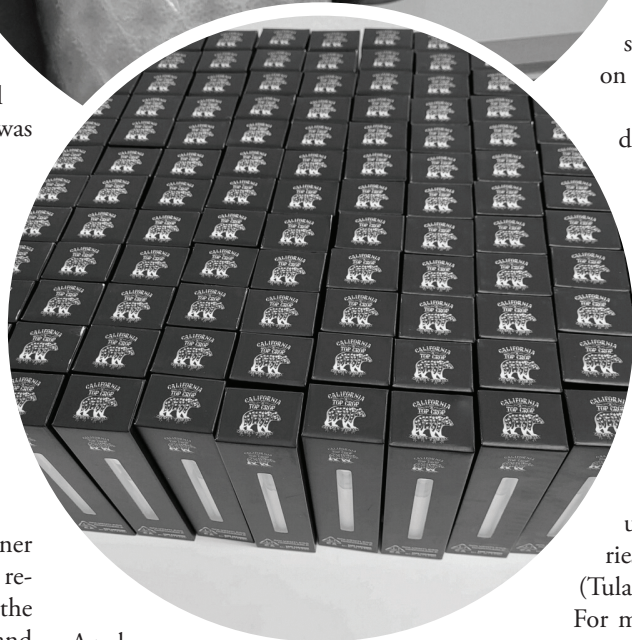
"For us, it's really all about respecting the cannabis culture and remembering how we all got to this point," Co-Owner Jack Aldridge says.

With much the same spirit that spawned a booming microbrewery industry that has peacefully and profitably coexisted with juggernauts like Anheiser-Busch and Coors, California Top Crop hopes to prove that independent, high-quality cannabis producers can carve out their own space in the retail market alongside industry-dominating brands like Cookies and Stiiizy.

It is a concept that grew from a humble seed planted by three friends many years ago.

"We all came from different professional backgrounds that gave us each a unique perspective on the cannabis industry," Parker explains, "And when we saw medicinal cannabis legislation gaining traction, we jumped in with both feet."

It wasn't long after CA Prop. 215 passed - the medicinal marijuana act - that Parker, Whited, and Aldridge were already adeptly navigating the medicinal cannabis industry and refining their craft. When Prop. 64 hit the ballot, the trio knew that the window of opportunity to get in and make a foothold for themselves in this new market would be incredibly small. Every large cannabis corporation in the US and Canada would be flocking to California to snatch up as much of the pie as possible and chasing away any small, independent entrepreneurs trying to get a bite.



"It was an all or nothing moment," Parker shares. "We couldn't afford to hesitate, either we were all in, or we were out. So we went all in. And that's when California Top Crop was born."

The "Prop. 215 era" could be loosely compared to the early gold rush days in that the industry's growth and success moved faster than regulators could keep up. By the time legislators passed Prop. 64, state officials had learned from their mistakes. They had prepared a daunting amount of fees, tax laws, and regulations for anyone who wanted to try their hand at the recreational market. Enter Kamee Whited.

"When Chad became a Co-Owner of California Top Crop, he asked me to research the newly adopted regulations for the cannabis industry. I began researching and quickly realized that in order for California Top Crop to succeed, they needed someone to dedicate themselves full-time to keep up with the ever-changing state and county regulations," Kamee explains.

And with that, Kamee became California Top Crop's compliance officer, systems manager, accountant, and HR manager.

The founding trio have managed to form an adventuring party that would be the envy of any gaming nerd. Brandon and his team have logged thousands of hours on the road promoting California Top Crop products to dispensaries all over the state, accomplishing the impressive feat of landing over 60 accounts in their first year. Chad is the architect, using the knowledge gained from years in the construction industry to design and build their warehouse headquarters. He brings the same attention to detail and high-quality standards to every grow cycle and strain they develop. Jack is the mad scientist in the group. He does his best work using washers, freeze dryers, and hot presses to cook up some of the most potent concentrates on the market, bar none.

Even with years of experience under their collective belts, what the team at California Top Crop has managed to accomplish in its first year of business is remarkable. They made a bet that there was a significant enough customer demand for top-shelf, locally-grown cannabis products that California Top Crop could fill that niche successfully without getting run over by the corporate giants. So far, that bet has been paying off.

California Top Crop cannabis products are available in over 60 dispensaries statewide, including Token Farms (Tulare), Herb n Joy (Hanford), and more. For more information about California Top Crop products and where to find them, follow them on Instagram @californiatopcrop, or visit their website www.californiatopcrop-cannabis.com.

Where Cannabis Meets the Canvas: How to Find Your Creative High

By The Artist Tree

Cannabis has been used as a source of creative inspiration by artists for thousands of years for its ability to expand the mind and stimulate creativity. Some even speculate that world-renowned artists Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali created some of their best work while under the influence of cannabis. No matter your medium of choice, with the right product and when consumed properly, cannabis can be the perfect muse.

At The Artist Tree, we're here to help bridge the gap between cannabis, community, and finding your creative high. As Fresno's only dispensary and art gallery, our store offers a wide selection of the best cannabis products along with rotating art installments from local artists. If you're in need of some creative inspiration, take a stroll through our curated gallery and allow us to guide you on your next elevated experience.

The ever-expanding world of cannabis has introduced a wide variety of options that, for many, serve as a key to unlocking the gates of creativity. With that in mind, here are our top product picks to help you fire up those creative sparks.

Pilgrim Soul Live Resin Disposable Pen (Creative Imagination)



Are you an innovator who prioritizes convenience? Pilgrim Soul has all the convenience of a disposable vape, with the highest quality. Their vapes are ceramic, rechargeable and come with reusable, limited-edition tins. The Creative Imagination blend combines Gelato #33, Chem Dawg, and Lemon Jack strains resulting in a creative and social high. Enjoy 25% off on all Pilgrim Soul products during the month of January.*

Highatus Sour Gummies (L'Orange)



Indulge in a mouth-watering burst of citrus fueled by an energizing sativa blend. These tiny gummies pack a THC punch that results in a consistent and uplifting high. If you're looking for a creativity and energy boost, you can't go wrong with this zesty combination of lemon and orange. Plus, these edibles are fat free, vegan, gluten free, and non-GMO. Hiatus L'Orange sour gummies are a must-have for your daytime escapades!

Baby Jeeter Infused 5 Pack (Apples and Bananas)



Blaze a creative trail with these tasty little prerolls, but don't let the size fool you. Packed with premium indoor flower infused with cannabis oil, and coated in kief, these prerolls bring potency to the table. Apples and Bananas is an evenly balanced and delicious hybrid strain with a sweet and fruity

finish. The high is just as delicious, with a full-body sensation that hits hard and leaves you delightfully dazed. Elevate and lift your mind into a state of euphoria accompanied by a boost of creativity. Get 50% off every Friday during the month of January.*

Spark your creative flow

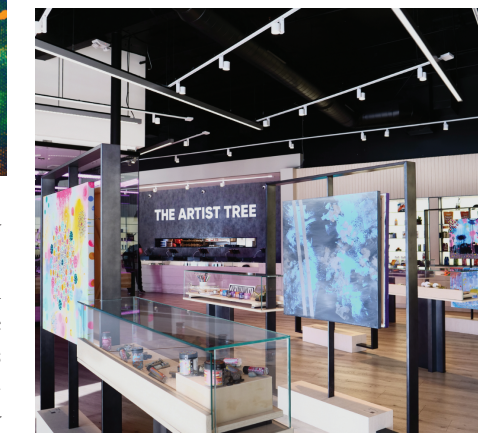
Finding the right product isn't everything. Your surroundings can be just as inspirational. To help those creative juices flow, we recommend choosing a space with ample light and consider adding plants, artwork, and vibrant colors to stimulate your imagination. Light some candles or incense and put on your favorite music to enhance the sensory experience.

The goal is to foster an environment that encourages free expression, innovation, and a harmonious relationship between your creative process and the benefits of cannabis. Finally, start creating and don't be afraid to experiment. Whether you're trying a new strain, a new way to consume or a new art medium, the possibilities are endless.

It's important to note that cannabis effects can vary from person to person. If you're new to cannabis, we recommend starting small and experimenting responsibly.

The Artist Tree is open daily from 6 a.m. - 9:50 p.m. for in store shopping and pick up. Delivery is available from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily. We offer daily discounts up to 50% off new brands. New customers get 30% off online with code TREE30.* Whether your next masterpiece is a puff or paint stroke away, we're here to help guide you on your journey.

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California new laws for 2024: Employees get protection for using cannabis

By Levi Sumagaysay | CalMatters

Starting in the new year, California employers will be barred from asking workers about their use of cannabis outside of work, and from discriminating against them because of it.

Two bills signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in the past couple of years aim to strengthen the state's legal cannabis industry by updating outdated laws. Assembly Bill 2188, which Newsom signed in 2022, will prohibit employers from using the results of hair or urine tests for marijuana — which can detect traces of cannabis for days or weeks — in their decisions to hire, fire or penalize workers.

When the governor signed AB 2188 along with other cannabis-related bills in 2022, he said in a press release that “rigid bureaucracy and federal prohibition continue to

pose challenges to the industry and consumers.”

SB 700, which Newsom signed this year, clarifies AB 2188 by amending the state's Fair Employment and Housing Act to bar employers from asking job applicants about their prior use of cannabis.

California NORML, a nonprofit organization that advocates for consumer rights related to cannabis, sponsored AB 2188. In its argument supporting the bill, the organization said hair or urine testing for marijuana does not detect actual impairment, a fact the federal government has acknowledged. “Studies indicate that metabolite tests for past use of marijuana are useless in protecting job safety,” the group said.

The exceptions under the AB 2188 would be for workers in the building and con-

struction industry and for job applicants and employees in positions that require a federal background investigation or clearance.

The National Federation of Independent Business lists the new laws among the top five “compliance headaches” for California's small business owners in 2024. California Chamber of Commerce opposed AB 2188, though it removed its “job killer” label after some revisions, saying before the bill was signed that employers risk liability when they “take legitimate disciplinary measures” against employees. “Employers must be able to keep their workplace safe by disciplining employees who arrive at work impaired,” the group said.

But AB 2188 does not prevent employers from using other tests to detect impairment, such as blood tests.

SB 700 accounts for employers' rights to ask about an applicant's criminal history, but the employer may not discriminate against an applicant when it finds information about past use of cannabis related to criminal history unless otherwise permitted by law.

In 1996, California became the first state to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes, and the state's voters legalized its recreational use in 2016. Recreational use of marijuana is now legal in 24 states and Washington, D.C.

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Calendar Events

Art

The Alley Streetwear Fashion Show. Saturday, January 13th, 6pm. Star Palace Ballroom, 1420 Fulton Street, Fresno. This will be one of the best Fashion Shows the Valley has seen with 10+ amazing brands from throughout the state of California!

Johnson Author Event. Thursday, January 18th, 6pm. Visalia Branch Library, 200 W Oak Ave, Visalia. Join us for a special evening Thursday, January 18th at 6pm with acclaimed author Craig Johnson, the mastermind behind the New York Times bestselling Longmire mysteries, now a hit Netflix original.

Basic Photography. Thursday, January 18th, 6:30pm. Horn Photo, 7899 North Blackstone Avenue, Fresno. Learn the fundamentals of photography during this highly informative 2-hour class.

Local Author Meet & Greet and Book Signing. Saturday, January 20th, 11am. Kings County Library, 134 E 9th St, Hanford. The Kings County Library will be hosting a Local Author Meet & Greet and Book Signing event. Meet the following authors: - Joni Kirby - Christy Camara - Joe Estacio - Albert Garcia - Lea Maryanow - Parker Bowman - Marcy Lawson

Galaxy Painting Event. Tuesday, January 23rd, 6pm. Exeter Branch Library, 230 E Chestnut St, Exeter. Teens and adults, join us for our Galaxy Painting Event on Tuesday, January 23 at 6pm. No preregister is required for this free event. The event is limited to 10 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

Basic Photography. Thursday, January 18th, 6:30pm. Horn Photo, 7899 North Blackstone Avenue, Fresno. Learn the fundamentals of photography during this highly informative 2-hour class.

Art Hive at Inspiration. Saturday, January 27th, 2:30pm. Inspiration Park, 5770 W Gettysburg Ave, Fresno. Let your creativity bloom at Art Hive! Join us at Inspiration Community Center for an art-filled afternoon. All supplies are provided, and it's free for all ages. Participants under 5? Bring an adult along for the artistic adventure!

Zest Fest 2. Saturday, January 27th, 5pm. Ms. Limón V, 1526 Kern St, Fresno. Round 2 of Fresnos art and fashion festival! View last years at <https://www.mslimonv.com/zestfest>

Theater.

Slice of Comedy Headlining Nat Baimel. Friday, January 12th, 8pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis. Nationally touring comedians every Friday from BET,NETFLIX, Comedy Central, BOB N TOM, HBO, and more. With full Menu and Bar. Nat Baimel is a comedian, upbeat problem solver, awkward philosopher, and optimistic nihilist with a knack for always looking on the bright side. His dark, smart, well-crafted material often tackles the most serious of subjects in a silly manner that will make you laugh as much as it will make you think.

JUST THE TIPS Comedy headlining Raedene Harborth + Open Mic. Wednesday, January 17th, 7pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis. Raedene Harborth is a Sacramento Comic with electric energy and powerful stage presence. She is a bi-weekly comedy host for Comedy Spot, Stab! Comedy Theater, and Front Street. Along with Stand Up, Raedene is on the Comedy Spot Improv Helix Team.

The Playhouse Experimental Comedy. Wednesday, January 17th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. The Playhouse is a night of experimental comedy. A variety show consisting of stand up, music, and improv. Brought to you by the stylings of Jared Dessert, Richie D, & Rix Rixon, also known as Los Primos. 21+

Monty Python's Spamalot. Friday, January 19th 7:30pm. Lindsay Community Theater, 190 N Elmwood Ave, Lindsay. Get ready for a night of hilarity and pure entertainment as Lindsay Community Theater proudly presents Monty Python's Spamalot!

Slice of Comedy Headlining John Wynn. Friday, January 19th, 8pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis. Nationally touring comedians every Friday from BET,NETFLIX, Comedy Central, BOB N TOM, HBO, and more. With full Menu and Bar. Jersey City native Vince Royale was always the class clown, though he never thought comedy would be his career.

salia Comedy Night with Feather Da'Wyz. Saturday, January 20th, 8pm. Republik Ultra Lounge, 115 North Locust St, Visalia. Downtown Visalia's best monthly comedy showcase just got its best headliner yet, comedian Feather Da'Wyz!

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Space Oddity: David Brighton's Tribute to David Bowie. Saturday, January 20th, 8pm. Tower Theatre, 815 E Olive Ave, Fresno. David Brighton is credited as being the world's best David Bowie impersonator, with one of the most entertaining tribute acts ever to hit the stage.g her own shows.

JUST THE TIPS Comedy headlining Tess Frey + Open Mic. Wednesday, January 24th, 7pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis. TIP BASED SHOW/ Tips expected suggested Tip \$10/ Comedy from BOB N TOM,Comedy Central, BET with open mic to follow. FULL Menu and Bar. TessTickles" Frey is a force to be reckoned with on any stage! She has quickly become a local favorite performing frequenting at Punchline and Laughs Unlimited, hosting and producing her own shows.

Murder Mystery at the Sanger Library. Friday, January 26th, 6pm. Sanger Branch Library, 1812 7th St, Sanger. This is an interactive, improvisational show performed by the Blossom Trail Players (BTP) to benefit the Friends of the Sanger Library. Adult only event (21+). Masked with elegant and mysterious attire recommended. Masquerade theme colors: black, white, and red.

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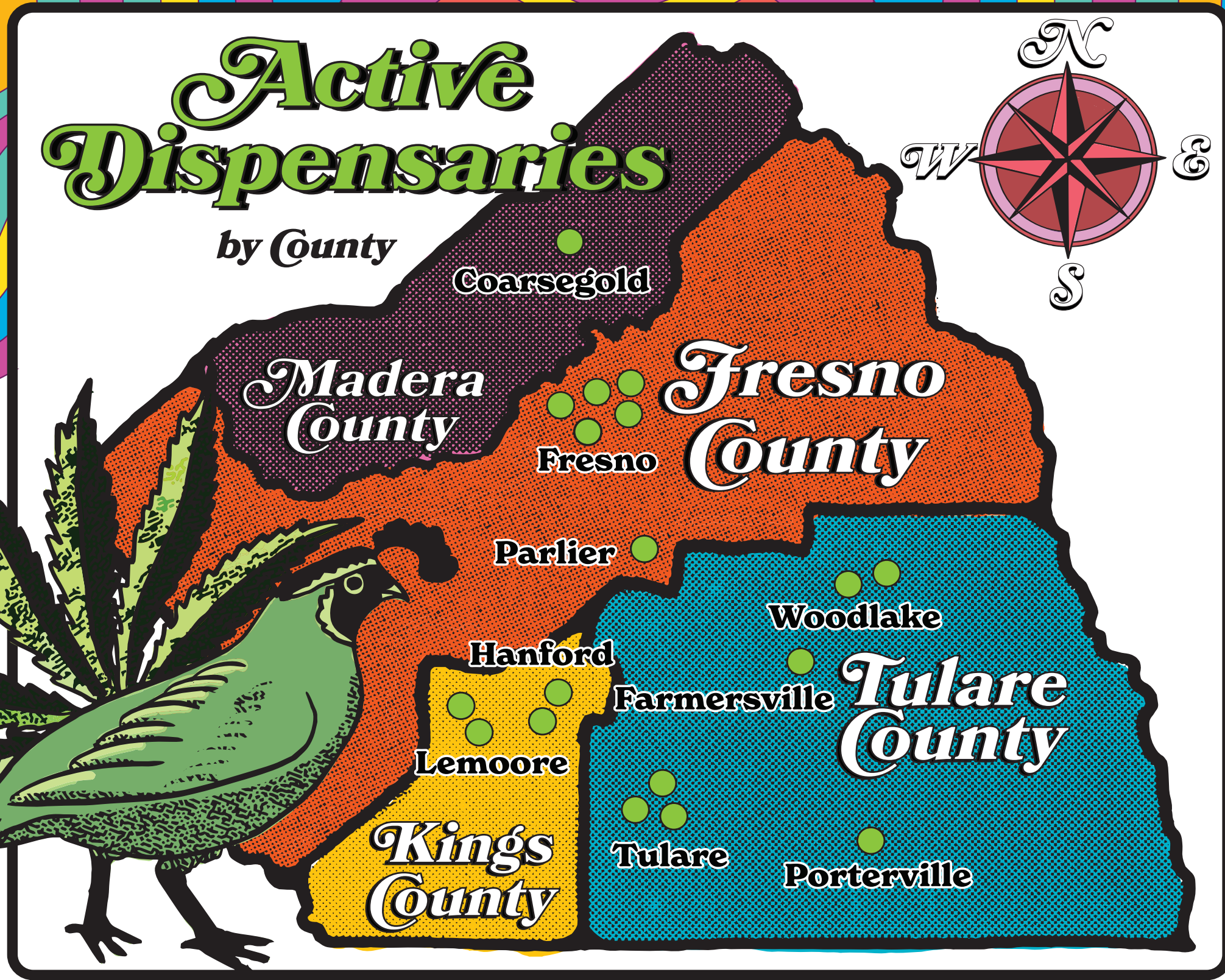
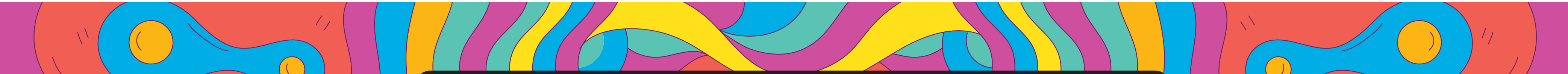
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Hop Forged presents Comedian Jeremy Curry. Tuesday, January 30th, 7pm. Hop Forged Brewing Company, LLC, 106 West 7th St, Hanford. Join us for an evening of laughter and good vibes at Hop Forged Brewing Company in Hanford, CA. Get ready to have your funny bone tickled by the hilarious Jeremy Curry, a talented comedian known for his quick wit and hilarious storytelling.

JUST THE TIPS Comedy headlining Jeremiah Nation + Open Mic. Wednesday, January 31st, 7pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis. TIP BASED SHOW/ Tips expected suggested Tip \$10/ Comedy from BOB N TOM, Comedy Central, BET with open mic to follow. FULL Menu and Bar. Jeremiah Nation is a Central Valley stand-up comedian, writer, and co-founder of the Tularious Comedy production group. He has toured throughout the west coast.

EDY IN THE BREWERY: (MARTIN RIZO). Friday, February 2nd, 6:45pm. Full Circle Brewing Co, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. Martin Rizo is one of the fastest rising names in the stand-up comedy! Don't miss it!

Giselle feat. State Street Ballet. Saturday, February 10th, 7:30pm. Visalia Fox Theatre, 308 W Main St, Visalia. State Street Ballet is proud to present one of the most beloved ballets of all time, Giselle. This iconic romantic ballet is a must-see, timeless story that has touched millions of hearts since its premiere in 1841. With a superb international cast of State Street Ballet dancers, this classic tale of immortal love will come to life like never before.

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INDUSTRY WORKSHOP-ACTING (FILM/TV/STAGE). Saturday, January 13th, 10am. Vision View Business Formation Center, 4974 E Clinton Way, Fresno. Join us at the **INDUSTRY WORKSHOP** and take your acting career to new heights! Whether you're a seasoned actor looking to make the leap from stage to screen or a newcomer eager to break into the industry, this workshop is the perfect opportunity for you.

Royal Icing 101. Sunday, January 14th, 1pm. Crop Paper Scissors Scrapbook Studio, 783D E Barstow Ave, Fresno. Ready to turn your cookies into edible masterpieces? Join us for an exciting Royal Icing 101 Class where we'll guide you through the art of creating flawless cookies, from mixing to decorating.

Seniors No Bake Cooking Class. Wednesday, January 31st, 11am. 1521 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno. Discover the art of crafting delicious Breakfast Cookies without the need for baking. It's a hands-on experience filled with tasty fun and delightful flavors.

Master Class - Boudoir Photography Work Shop. Saturday, January 13th, 11am. Security Bank - J street studios, Fresno. Learn the art of capturing alluring and intimate moments through a hands-on Boudoir Photography Workshop, where you'll master the techniques.

Workshop: How to Create Instagram Reels and TikToks. Saturday, January 13th, 1pm. CMAC, 1555 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 201, Fresno. Gain knowledge about industry-standard social media tools and techniques, by learning how to create visually appealing videos that communicate your message effectively. At the end of the workshop, you'll have a foundation to utilize skills to capture user's attention and help build your brand for your content on social media.

Simple Energy Healing Workshop. Sunday, January 14th, 2:30pm. 2904 E Fedora Ave, Fresno. Are you interested in learning

a technique to help you ground, become more relaxed, help alleviate stress, release anger, tension, fear? Do you ever feel that you are called to the path of a healer, a helper? This workshop is designed to teach a simple healing energy technique of self-care, self-healing and learning to hold space for others.

Senior Stitching Workshop. Tuesday, January 23rd, 10am. The Link @ Blackstone Senior Center, 1525 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno. No experience needed—learn the basics of stitching while creating a cuddly Baby Yoda.

Beer Tasting and Appreciation Class. Wednesday, January 31st, 5:30pm. Backyard Social Club, 1542 Clovis Avenue, Clovis. In this interactive class we're going to dive into the basics of how beer is made,

how to evaluate and taste beer, and how to learn what styles make you the happiest! This is a perfect date night option, gift for a beer lover, or just a great way to enjoy a fun evening with friends.

Family

Family Paint Party. Thursday, January 18th, 6:30pm. Taco Truck Express, 1570 W Olive Ave, Porterville. On your next night out, paint it all the colors and join us for an Original Paint Nite party. Just choose your painting and come on out to Landing 13 and we'll do the rest - no experience necessary!

Kids' Gardening Club. Sunday, January 21st, 1pm. El Dorado Park, 1343 E Barstow Ave, Fresno. Join us for a green-thumb adventure at the Kids' Gardening Club! Every other Sunday, kids will make friends while learning

the fundamentals and discovering the benefits of gardening. Plus, each child will have the exciting opportunity to plant their own seedling!

Music

IT'S NOT A PHASE: EMO COVER NIGHT. Saturday, January 13th, 6pm. Full Circle Brewery, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. Join us at Full Circle Brewery District for a night of your favorite Emo classics covered by the valley's best local bands!

CAPSTAN, Andrés, HillBlocks-View. Sunday, January 14th, 7pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. \$15. Presented by numbskullshows.com

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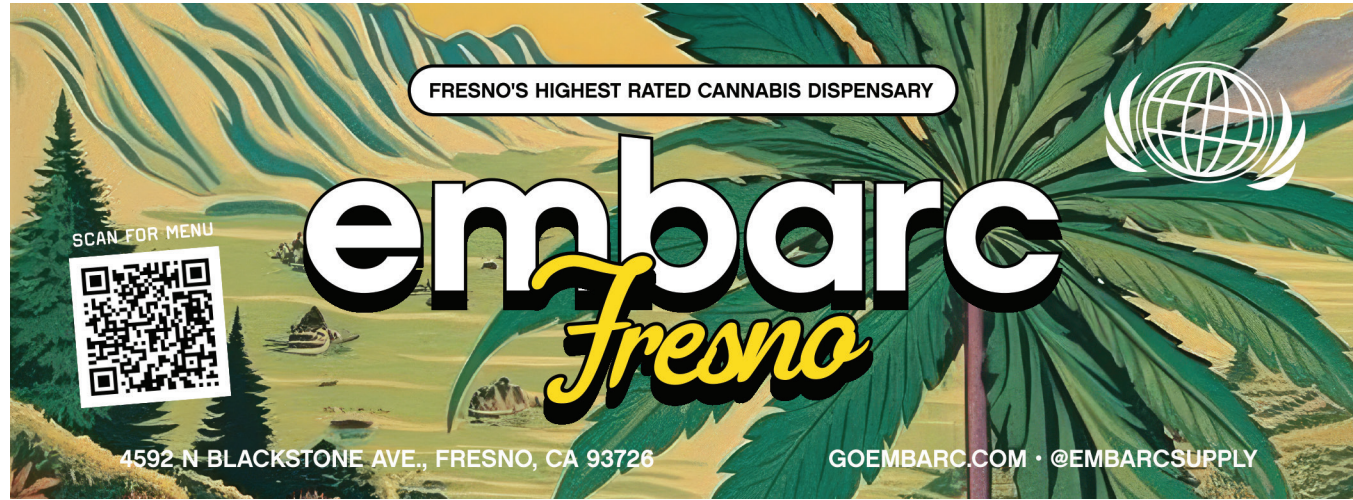
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JUST FRIENDS, Sad Park, King Of Heck. Friday, January 19th, 7pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

Pacific Artist Series Concert III: The Laudami Ensemble, Saturday, January 20th, 7pm. WARKENTINE CULTURE & ARTS CENTER, 4838 East Butler Avenue, Fresno. Join us for an enchanting night of Baroque music as the Laudami Ensemble takes the stage, showcasing the timeless treasures of this era.

SECRETS OF ARMENIA. KHACHATURIAN 120. Saturday, January 20th, 7pm. California State University, Fresno, 2380 East Keats Avenue & Maple Ave, Fresno. Music in Armenia has a long and rich history, stretching back to the Middle Ages and beyond, with its origins in popular folk-songs. The concert program will reveal the legacy of one of the greatest Armenian composers - Aram Khachaturian.

Pacific Artist Series Concert III: The Laudami Ensemble. Saturday, January 20th, 7pm. WARKENTINE CULTURE & ARTS CENTER, 4838 E Butler Ave, Fresno. Known for their lively performances, the Laudami Ensemble brings history to life through historically-informed performance on period instruments.

Bobcat Live At Backyard Social Club. Thursday, January 23rd, 7pm. Backyard Social Club, 1542 Clovis Ave, Clovis. Bobcat is a one-man band like no other. Drawing inspiration from the likes of garage rock, soul music, power-pop, rhythm and blues, rockabilly, punk rock, psychobilly, new wave and indie rock.

The Delta Bombers. Wednesday, January 24th, 5:30pm. Fulton 55, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. The Delta Bombers / Goddamn Gallows / Volk in Fresno, Ca.1 / All Ages/ \$20 Adv / \$25 Dos

CupcakKe. Friday, January 26th, 8pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

Escuela Grind at Full Circle. Saturday, January 27th, 5:30pm. Full Circle Brewery, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. Escuela Grind, Take Offense, Bonginator, Elder Devil, Bulldog, Burn Unit, All Ages / \$17 Adv / \$22 Dos

Casa De Untz Presents: ICE ICE BABY. Saturday, January 27th, 8pm. The Delta, 2974 E Butler Ave, Fresno. Casa De Untz invites you back to THE DELTA for a special Winter Wonderland themed party "ICE ICE BABY."

TWIN TRIBES Pendulum Tour 2024 plus Urban Heat, Vandal Moon. Sunday, January 28th, 8pm. 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

Eric Bellinger - The Rebirth Tour with Zae France. Wednesday, January 31st, 7pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

THE ENGLISH BEAT. Saturday, February 3rd, 7pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

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Sounds of Mardi Gras by Fresno Dixieland Society. Thursday, February 8th, 10am. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

Fresno Convention Center, 2233 Ventura St, Fresno. Come join us for an unforgettable evening of music and fun! Get ready to experience the vibrant sounds of Dixieland jazz brought to you by the talented musicians of the Fresno Dixieland Society.

St. Valentine's Bar Brawl (Wrestling + Metal Fest). Friday, February 10th, 5pm. Full Circle Brewery, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. What's a more intimate way to spend a night with your loved one than a WRESTLING & METAL FEST!? Pro Wrestling & Live Music under ONE ROOF?!

FIDLAR. Saturday, February 10th, 7pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. Armed with 3 Chords, the truth, and some jazz cabbage, FIDLAR has a new found appreciation of not only where they came from, but where they are now. And when asked what the new sound is, the response is simply "FUCKBOI ANTHEMS."

luey's Big Play. Tuesday, February 6th, 6pm. Saroyan Theatre, 730 M St, Fresno. Bluey's Big Play Show Starts: 6:00pm Doors Open: 5:00pm NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

THIRSTY THURSDAYS KARAOKE @ THE CURRY PIZZA COMPANY #4! February 8th, 4:30pm. The Curry Pizza Company #4, 2091 E Bardsley Ave, Tulare. Join us for an incredible evening of music, delicious pizza, irresistible wings, and \$1 draft beers flowing all night long! Bring the whole crew and create lasting memories while belting out your favorite tunes. It's the perfect blend of family fun, great food, and unbeatable deals!

Brave Kids Porterville. Saturday, February 10th, 8am. Porterville High School, 455 W Olive Ave, Porterville. Jiu-Jitsu and self-defense classes for kids.

DIGIMON CARD GAME BT15 Pre-Release Tournament. Saturday, February 10th, 11:30am. DJ's Collectible Shoppe, Hanford. Participation: - Pre-Release Event participation Card - Pre-Release Promo Pack. Winner: - Pre-Release Event Winner Card x1 (Silver Foil ver.) *Each Pre-Release kit is for 8 players. \$30.00 **MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP ON BANDAI WEBSITE**

Sports

Elevate Cardio Dance Party! Saturday, January 13th, 5pm. Elevate Community Yoga, 899 W Roseburg Ave, Modesto. Melissa and Jason have been setting the dance floor on fire together for over 10 years! Join us for an hour of nonstop dancing fun with a mix of reggaeton, salsa, hip hop, cumbia and bollywood styles. No previous dance experience required.

Opening Day Race. Sunday, January 21st, 9am. Woodward Park BMX Community, 7775 N Friant, Fresno. Rev up for the 15th Anniversary of Woodward Park BMX! Join us for the 2024 season opener with rounds of competitive races. The snack bar will be open for your race day fuel. Remember: long pants, long sleeves, and closed-toed shoes are all required for this thrilling celebration!

559 Fights 103. Saturday, January 27th, 5:30pm. Visalia Convention Center, 303 E Acequia Ave, Visalia. Three major title fights on the line: 145 Champ Raul Valdivinos vs. Chris Paez. 155 vacant title between Abraham Del Toro and Tyler Saelee. 125 interim title between Ronnie Reyes and Cyrus Proovor. Fight card subject to change. https://camomma.org/amateur-mma-events/E1601/559-Fights-10

21 and Over

COOK OUT. Friday, January 12th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. 3 Crews / 10 DJs Showcasing why they will be the next big thing in the California scene!

90's NIGHT. Friday, January 12th, 9pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. 2 rooms of sights and sounds from your favorite decade, free photo booth with prints, & giveaways. 90s inspired dress encouraged. Presented by numbskullshows.com

MALDITO AÑO NUEVO: CON PURO PERREO. Saturday, January 13th, 9pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Dale la bienvenida al nuevo año bailando hasta abajo al ritmo del conejo malo!

The Chill Suite: R&B and Soul Jams. Saturday, January 13th, 9pm. Frank's Place, 1432 Fulton St, Fresno. The Chill Suite is a monthly R&B event featuring DJs playing your favorites from classics to today's heat. Enjoy a lounge environment, 2 full bars, games & food vendor.

DEAR YOU: EMO NIGHT. Saturday, January 13th, 9pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. Your favorite emo and pop punk classics all night long. Presented by numbskullshows.com

Trapt - The Fall Tour. Thursday, January 16th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. TRAPT returns to Fresno on "THE FALL TOUR," With very special guests, THE REASON and FALLEN ELDERS. \$20.00 Advance/\$25.00 Day of Show. Get your tickets on-line at: http://americanmadeconcerts.net or http://fulton55.com

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Fulton 55's 13th Anniversary Month Party with 40 Watt Hype. Friday, January 19th, 9pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Come celebrate Fulton 55's 13th Anniversary Month with the incredible 40 Watt Hype.

Violin on Fire - "Rhapsody In Red" Album Release Show. Saturday, January 20th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Get ready for a mind-blowing experience as we set the stage on fire with the electrifying release show of "Rhapsody In Red" - Violin on Fire

MICKEY AVALON. Saturday, January 20th, 9pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. Presented by numbskullshows.com

Latenite Productions presents: Micro Mania Midget Wrestling. Friday, January 26th, 9pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Get ready for

an epic night of wild entertainment as Latenite Productions presents Micro Mania Midget Wrestling.

The Emo Night Tour. Saturday, January 27th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Get ready to relive the glory days of emo music at The Emo Night Tour-Fresno on - it's gonna be one epic night!

WESTERN DREAMLAND: A Country & Disco Party. Saturday, January 27th, 8:30pm. Strummers, 833

E Fern Ave, Fresno. Country dolls and dancing queens: Saddle up for a night under the neon moon, where timeless classics by country music legends such as Dolly Parton, Shania Twain, Garth Brooks, and The Chicks guide your every step on the dance floor.

SNBRN. Saturday, February 3rd, 9pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. All Day All Night x LMC x Maj present the Fresno debut of SNBRN on Saturday, February 3rd! We're birnging the heat to Fresno all over

again, don't miss what will be an epic party. Support by Crspr, DJ Ldn, Maxx'd Out.

BAE'S RODEO. Saturday, February 3rd, 9:30pm. 3788 W Richert Ave, Fresno. Music, Food, Drinks, Adult Games, 360 Cam/ Photograph. Come in your best Cowgirl/Cowboy Attire Everyone come out & enjoy the rodeo. Security & Police strictly enforced. Free Parking

Fulton 55 presents: Diggin Dirt. Wednesday, February 7th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Diggin Dirt is a seven-piece band emerging from behind the redwood curtain in Humboldt County,

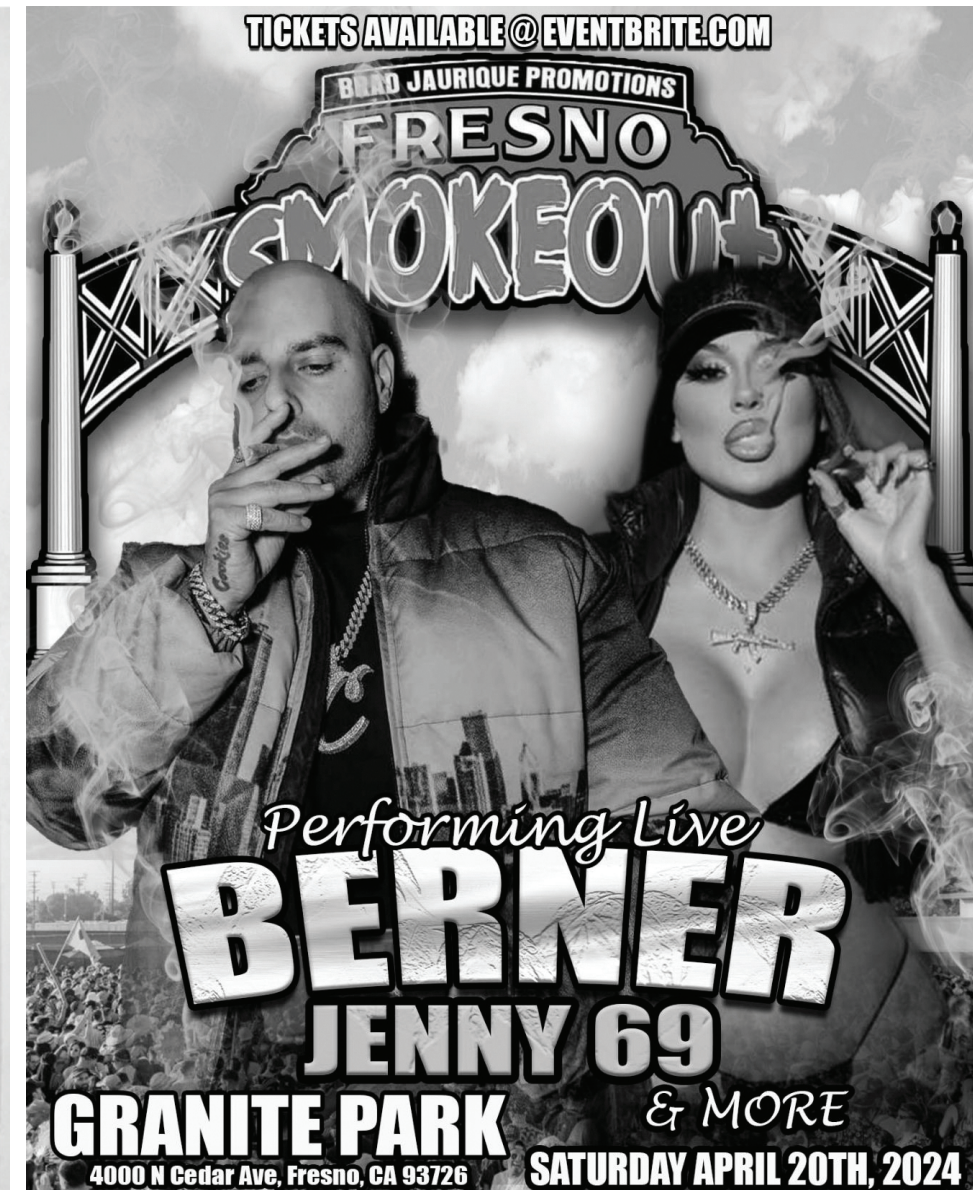
Team Neville Presents: PAKT - Progressive Jam-Fusion SuperGroup. Thursday, February 8th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. PAKT - Progressive Jam-Fusion SuperGroup: Percy Jones, Alex Skolnick, Kenny Grohowski, Tim Motzer - WEST COAST TOUR 2024



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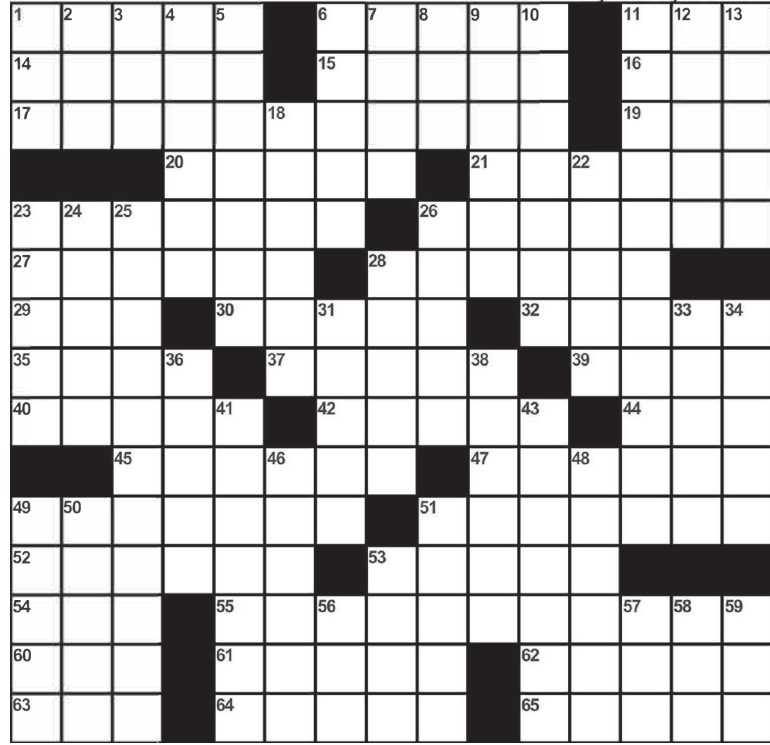
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- 2) Amtrak unit
- 3) I, in Roman numerals
- 4) Auntie's daughters
- 5) Vivid red
- 6) Bustles
- 7) "A Prayer for ___ Meany"
- 8) Word before "mode"
- 9) Remove the NaCl
- 10) Slender daggers
- 11) Place for rolls
- 12) Unit of prevention
- 13) Draw ___ on (aim at)
- 18) Relating to the nervous system
- 22) Onetime "American Idol" first name
- 23) Immaturely imitative
- 24) Bid of zero tricks
- 25) What infielders field
- 26) Western sheriff's assistants
- 28) "Balderdash!"
- 31) Johnny Unitas' team
- 33) Kind of song or park
- 34) Monica that raised a racket
- 36) Erin of "Happy Days"
- 38) Weasel, in winter
- 41) Ceiling on insurance increases
- 43) Shiny cotton fabrics
- 46) Search for food
- 48) Bow in a servile manner
- 49) Shampoo finish
- 50) Collective bargaining group
- 51) Outlines in detail
- 53) Rod at a pig roast
- 56) Women with kids
- 57) "___ got my eyes on you"
- 58) Toddler's downtime
- 59) "___ Back" (Beatles)

ACROSS

- 1) PC screen images
- 6) Onetime tadpoles
- 11) Flamboyant fashion accessory
- 14) Bouncing off the walls
- 15) Screeching baby?
- 16) Emulate a masseuse
- 17) Happy-go-lucky
- 19) 67.5 degrees on a compass
- 20) King of Thebes
- 21) Peruvian wool bearer
- 23) Thrice-daily Catholic prayer
- 26) Made, as a case
- 27) Ship's finance officer
- 28) Jacuzzi
- 29) U.N. agency concerned with labor
- 30) Mexican munchies
- 32) Venetian blind parts
- 35) Squalid urban area
- 37) Way to break?
- 39) Tennis legend Arthur
- 40) Courtroom addressee (with "your")
- 42) Stage villains' trademarks
- 44) Kenan's Nickelodeon co-star
- 45) Hardly airtight
- 47) "Don't ___ laugh!"
- 49) Flexible, off-beat tempos
- 51) "Not too bad" for "very good"
- 52) Comparatively cockamamie
- 53) Muscle-to-bone connector
- 54) Shutout team's score
- 55) Evangelical event
- 60) Costa del ___
- 61) One more time
- 62) Blazing stars
- 63) Pair of nines?
- 64) Flies around the world?
- 65) Did some housekeeping

Answers to last month's puzzles

9	2	6	4	8	1	5	3	7
1	4	5	7	3	6	8	9	2
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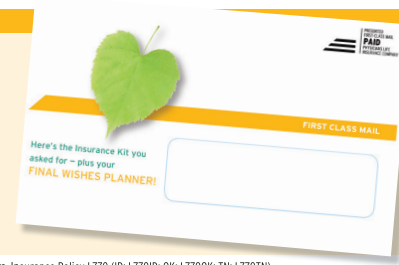
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