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GANJA GODDESS DELIVERS!

Q&A with Ganja Goddess

BY HEIDI G

GanjaGoddess.com is a female-founded cannabis delivery company that delivers cannabis right to your doorstep, almost everywhere in California. From the biggest cities to the tiniest enclaves, this unique delivery company provides access to adults everywhere in the state. They offer simple online ordering, curating the best cannabis edibles, flowers, concentrates, and vapes in a highly informative menu. Founded in 2011, Ganja Goddess is a premium cannabis brand that makes buying the best weed easy, safe, and discrete, with amazing options at almost every price range. We talked to Tara, the founder of Ganja Goddess about what inspired her to start a cannabis delivery service that was inclusive of all types of consumers. Here is a small excerpt of her visionary take on cannabis today.

What motivated you to start Ganja Goddess?

With GanjaGoddess.com, my dream was to normalize the experience of cannabis. My goal is to make it accessible and inviting to everyone. Luckily, I have had a lot of success in this mission. Ganja Goddess is more than just a delivery company; it’s a lifestyle that our customers can embrace. For most of our lives, cannabis has been demonized when actually it is a very healing herb. With legalization, I knew there was a unique opportunity to take my skills and knowledge and help educate people on the beneficial qualities of this plant. After all, when something makes you feel this good, whether it’s easing pain, boosting your moods, accessing deeper creativity, or opening your mind, why not try it?

When I first got involved in the cannabis business back in the medical marijuana days, dispensaries were not inviting at all - particularly to women. There was a heavy "bro culture" around most weed dispensaries, and that was if you were lucky enough to live near one. Much of the state didn’t even allow cannabis dispensaries. Despite the legalization of adult-use cannabis, even today it is difficult to access licensed cannabis outside of the major metropolitan areas. More than 50% of all towns and cities in California still don’t have up and running cannabis retail shops, meaning people have to drive 60 or more miles to buy weed. Ganja Goddess offers same or next-day delivery throughout California, so you can reliably access great cannabis to matter where you work or live.

What makes Ganja Goddess different from the many other delivery services available in California?

That’s easy: Amazing customer service, a highly curated menu of the best herb, and low competitive prices.

We are known for our customer service. When you order with us, you become a member of the Ganja Goddess community. We provide our customers with support, helping with any of their questions. One of my pet peeves with ordering anything online is getting to a real person on the phone when there is an issue or a question. We have an amazing crew of customer service staff who actually answer the phone, listen, and return emails. They help our customers out by guiding them to the right products, letting them know current deals, and solving any problems that may come up.

We also have over 500 distinct products, including amazing, hard-to-find strains and a wide range of edibles for every mood. We also have a huge selection of vape pens and concentrates that rock your world. And let’s not forget lubricants to get you in the mood! We curate the hell out of our product choices, so anything you order you us has been vetted and tested by our team. I’m a stickler for all things organic and healthy, so our focus is in that direction.

Our prices are also one of the reasons people keep coming back for more. We like to have something for everyone, so we can help you out no matter what your budget. We run specials every week so our customers can try out the newest products and brands at a lower price point.

You talk about cannabis as something that heals people. Do you really think your average person uses cannabis for medical reasons?

If something makes you feel good, isn’t that healing in and of itself? When we poll our customers, over 70% of them report that they use weed to address a health or wellness issue. Look, it’s like what I tell every employee when they are hired: Cannabis makes you feel good. It works on the body, the mind, and your spirit. Forget alcohol! The research coming out on cannabis shows that it helps with a myriad of issues. Whether you use it to relax after a hard day, reduce inflammation in your body, have great sex with your partner, or just to make you laugh a bit harder with your friends… that is all healing. And speaking of sex, I find that cannabis is really great for women. All of my female friends attest to the fact that imbibing a little bit of cannabis when you want to have a sensual, sexy night in with your lover is a surefire method for fireworks. It’s all about relaxation for women and cannabis is a winner in that department.

So say I want to become a Ganja Goddess customer. What do I do?

It is super easy. Just go to ganjagoddess.com and sign up. Or you can call 855-426-5246 and someone will help you become a customer. We also have a special discount for LA Weekly readers to get 20% off their first order. Just use the code LAWEEKLY and you get a great discount.

Then sit back and your order will be delivered before you know it.
It’s time for our annual rundown of favorite pot and products the cannabis industry has given us over the last year or in the weeks ahead!

**BY JIMI DEVINE**

Every year we publish a rundown of the best pot in town, and much of the time the world. Despite the world being closed for much of the last year, we still found plenty of fantastic cannabis products for you to get your hands on.

**Masonic Seed Co – Wilson**

When we talked to Masonic in February, things were already popping for the Compton Landrace. The year has only continued to provide more accolades for his efforts. His signature Wilson strain is one of the few things not named GMO or Papaya that can pump out solid hash numbers. This has led to a variety of people starting to mess with his gear in hopes of finding a phenotype that pumps out hash. We’re sitting on a pack of Uncrustables (Wilson F2 x Peanut Butter Breath) we want to pop outside next summer.

**Compound – Red Bullz**

We fully admit we’re a little spoiled when it comes to compound genetics. Not many people outside their team get to see as many of their new elite selections as we do. This is both a blessing and a curse. When you see something magical a year before it ends up in full production somewhere it almost feels like a tragedy watching the months go by as you wait to smoke it again. Nevertheless, we carry on. As the Jokerz gets ready to steamroll the public’s definition of heat, we’ve already seen Compound’s next magical offering named Red Bullz. We expect the pairing of Grape Gas and White Runtz will be considered among Compound’s best work by most.

**DEO Farms – Zoap**

We told you first about the Zoap in the Pandemic Picks Best of Lockdown last February, and then later in the summer we would cover the whole Streets to Heat Story of Deep East Oakland Farms. Well, the rest of Los Angeles certainly agreed with us. DEO Farms has easily risen to be among the ranks of L.A.’s favorite imports. This past summer, DEO Farms explained exclusively to L.A. Weekly that the Zoap was the #21 pheno out of the Rainbow Sherbert #16 F2 line. It’s also the female they used to take the famed RS line to F3. They are yet to release anything from that line but we are hyped for the day they do.

**The Ten Co – Zushi**

There is a solid argument to be made that after the inaugural edition of the Emerald Cup, Zalympix was the biggest thing anyone could win during the pandemic. And while Zushi already has a spot in the hearts and minds of those who love high-impact cannabis, taking home the Zalympix trophy only hit the gas on the excitement levels. We’re excited to see what direction Zushi heads in with all its recent hype, but wherever the hype takes us, it’s going to be very strong.

**Seed Junky Genetics Clones**

One of the most commercially viable seed companies of all time is ramping up production all over the place and local cannabis enthusiasts are sure to be the big winners. This year marks the 10-year anniversary of Wedding Cake, but most notably in recent years has been Seed Junky’s efforts to scale up production. When we recently chatted with them they noted they just finished
a new room that doubles the amount of room they have to hunt exquisite selections. Essentially popping their own seeds, finding the best versions possible, and then pumping clones out so farms can have access to those best versions of everything. We have seen the resulting flower from their genetics stock and it is certainly world-class.

**Alien Labs – Biskante**

Our Zalympix top pick had a massive Summer regardless of whether the other judges agree with our take. Add more Polynesian terps than usual, a dash of purple, and some vintage Dracula branding and you’ve got yourself Biskante. The loud and proud offering represented the mid-year fresh flavor from Alien Labs and their constantly rotating stable of fresh heat. As they continue to attempt to find flavors unique to the marketplace, and then grow them well, it’s fair to say at this point Biskante has elbowed its way into Alien Labs’ all-time best list.

**CAM – LA Kush**

We have been pretty loud about our love of CAM here at L.A. Weekly. Most of the time, whatever they are growing is the best version of that strain we have ever seen. It’s likely the prettiest and probably hits a lot harder than other people’s renditions. Be it dessert weed or kush, we stand by this statement and some of the best cannabis we have ever seen from their garden is the batch of LA Kush currently on shelves across the city and state. Even doper, all this insane heat coming out of Sacramento is at a much more competitive price point than the few things of similar quality that exist. It’s like getting a Bugatti at Porsche prices. This batch of LA Kush tested over 40% active cannabinoids. And you’re probably saying, “Does that even matter if the state isn’t mandating standard operating procedures in labs until 2023?” Regardless, this is great pot.

**Fidel’s – Hash Hole**

We don’t think any pre-rolled anything has ever had as clouty a launch as Fidel’s Hash Hole. Be it the heat rosin inside from the longtime killers at Critical Concentrates, the movement to get hash-filled joints away from police-related donut verbage, or the good vibes at their Kushstock booth, it’s easy to see why people are hyped on Hash Holes. Do they run a pinch more expensive than some of the distillate-filled “infused pre-rolls” of the moment? Obviously. As they should. Cannabis is a minefield when speaking on the general concept of getting what you pay for and Hash Holes are one of the safer high-end buys.

**Squintz – Wendy**

We recently caught up with Chauncey Leopardi to talk heat. And while most remember him for the poolside smooch he dropped on Wendy Peffercorn, he has now been growing cannabis...
for half of his life. Even before our chat, Squitz' flower line was on our radar. Even the trap life enthusiasts were saying it was good. When we finally got our hands on The Wendy it was easy to see why everyone was so amped. While Leopardi didn't go too much into genetics with us, as is the case with most people these days, he did say he got the seeds he found it in from Exotic Genetics and emphasized he's been a big believer in the work they do for some time.

Zkittelz – ZMO

In a world of haters that claim to be over the magic of GMO, add a dash of The Original Z and you got yourselves an absolute heater. While the Terp Hogz are more famous for their efforts under the sun in Mendocino, their collaboration with Seven Leaves was insane. ZMO is the best pot we've ever seen from them and the previous efforts weren't anything to shake your head at. I think it's also fair to say this is one of the hardest-hitting Zkittelz crosses. They're commonly known for their flavors and highs but this one just hits so much harder.

Doja Pak – Biscotti x OZK Helium Cut

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We have been big Doja Pak fans since they first dropped the RS11 bred by DEO Farms and grown out by Wizard Trees. Once again we got a sneak peek at their newest hitter, and we are beyond hyped to share the details. First off, there is no name yet but the cross is Biscotti, a pairing of Gelato #41 and Motorbreath #15, to a special pheno of OZ Kush hunted down in Humboldt County and given the Helium nickname to separate it from the other OZ Kush phenos out there.

The Doja Pak team is going to let the community pick the name after they’ve heard some good options. They argue this is how the real best got its name back in the day and are excited to bring the tradition back.

Buddy’s Chocolate Haus
Remember earlier this year when we told you Buddy’s Chocolate Haus was banging and then they went on to win three of the top 10 spots in the Emerald Cup a few months later?! We do too! Nevertheless, they are still the heat, and one of the few edibles we are featuring on this list. In a world of venture capital-backed distillate, who doesn’t love a tale of an immigrant family using the skillset that gave them the American Dream to rapidly ascend the cannabis industry while a maelstrom of corporate dogs are desperate for a sliver of the credibility Buddy’s had deservedly earned itself. The only tragedy is they aren’t on more shelves, but we get it, real quality only scales up so far.

Connected – Gelonade
In the most coveted indoor cannabis contest arguably ever, Connected Gelonade would reign supreme. Just the idea of the Emerald Cup adding an indoor category in hopes of being more inclusive was enough to stir up emotions in many. Add the debate over who would win and you were really playing with gasoline. But Gelato #41’s pairing with perennial Santa Cruz Mountain killer Lemon Tree was enough to win the judges over. We’re not surprised. The first contest Gelonade ever won was the L.A. Weekly Desert Smoke-Off 2019. While Connected arguably has the best spread of lemon-heavy flavors at the moment, we still find ourselves in love with Gelonade just like the cup judges were.
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L.A.'S BEST DISPENSARIES 2021

Here is our 2021 list of the best places in L.A. to get your hands on elite cannabis.

BY JIMI DEVINE

The world's biggest legal cannabis market is also a discerning one. As more and more entrepreneurs head to L.A. to stake a claim on a piece of the cannabis market, the consumer base stomps on their Chadian dreams.

People just show up and think weed is easy if you have the money to pull it off, and those that live by those beliefs have learned many expensive lessons in recent years. Nevertheless, it's fair to suggest the suffering and failures make it easier to appreciate those who do it well. Those people that grow good pot for others to enjoy after they've been reasonably compensated for their work.

These people don't build their brands around where weed will be in a decade, but more so where the quality is in this moment. Are there people on this list that any competent hedge fund manager would love to get a piece of? Sure. But it's not because they are the kind of people that built those entities in the first place. It's just that their product drives so much excitement others are forced to take notice.

Here is a lineup of great shops we're sure will check all the boxes for you.

AHHS
Since making the move south from San Francisco almost 20 years ago, AHHS has been a staple of patient access. But as the world moved on from the medical era, that quality of medicine AHHS strived for was exactly what the discerning consumers of L.A. were looking for as they made their way into the legal marketplace. While old school, you can expect all of the newest and most exciting heat in town.

Cookies
As Cookies' ever-expanding footprint in Los Angeles changes the face of its retail cannabis scene forever, it's pretty wild the number of bodies they are moving through the Melrose and Maywood locations on a daily basis. It's no surprise the San Francisco-born pot empire has made such waves locally, the strain it was named for was essentially the first thing to even dent OG Kush's absolute reign at the top for 15 plus years when it first started popping up more locally in 2010.

Jungle Boys
As we covered in our feature story, the Jungle Boys continue to be at the top of the pack. All their locations rank among the best in the city, driven by the quality of flowers they grow in-house and continued deals for the patients they have been providing for the last 16 years. Their recent work with the Mike and Larry is the newest heat but the Triangle Kush lineup that dropped just before the pandemic is high on our list also.

Greenwolf
When the world needed the hype, Greenwolf brought us Zalynpix this year. Would they be featured on this list anyway given the shop is a perennial destination for those in search of all things hype and heat? Likely, yes. Nevertheless, the Zalynpix gathering of 16 of the best cultivators on the planet to see who would reign supreme was an absolute spectacle. As you made your way through each bag it was like visiting the best dispensary on the planet from your coffee table. We are so thankful Greenwolf gave the community another opportunity to reflect and appreciate the amount of effort the state's top indoor cultivators are putting in. We are excited for the next edition of Zalynpix, and to continue to keep an eye on the menu to see what elite pot ends up on Greenwolf's shelves.

Catalyst
Catalyst has had the best pot in Long Beach longer than it has had its name. There are few spots south of Los Angeles to get your hands on comparable heat to what you'll see daily on shelves at Catalyst as they continue to stock a who's who of the biggest names in California for growing heat. While the menu and years of pedigree got Catalyst on the list, we also get a big kick on the wider political activities. Owner Elliot Lewis has been spot on in his public discourse on the impact that overregulation is having on California's cannabis industry. Catalyst is also one of the most rapidly expanding operations that trace back to the medical market. We need as many of those to make it as possible.

Lemonnade WeHo
For those in search of the most cerebral highs available, Lemonnade continues to put out some of the hottest newest sativas...
Do You Drink Alcohol and Smoke Marijuana?

In the marketplace. In the year since we talked to co-founder Brett Wilson, they've continued to pump out some exotic noses. One of our favorite unique rosins of the year was their Medellin collaboration with Kalya. While it was gorgeous when fresh-pressed, the terpene profile it took on after a day on the coffee table was the best kind of offensive you can ask for in a headie dab. Wilson was raised in the Santa Cruz mountains so limonene is basically intertwined with his DNA.

**Dr. Greenthumb's**

There is a legitimate argument to be made that Dr. Greenthumbs is in possession of the most legitimately vetted and dated OG cuts on the recreational market. B-Real and Chief Cultivator Kenji Fujishima have been growing fire OG Kush for 20 years. When we asked Josh D about the cut getting out there after he won the Emerald Cup a couple of years ago, Fujishima was one of the first people he pointed to as having a legit cut. Now the Isane OG team grows other stuff too! But there was a 12-year period that they didn't see the point in it. But great OG is great OG, as we've seen from new Dr. Greenthumbs locations continuing to pop up around the state.

**Hyperwolf**

In a world where celebrities start new delivery services to bring an eighth to your door, Hyperwolf is above all that madness. On its menu, you'll find a reputable amount of heat at a fair prices. You'll see a lot of the most popular farms in the state, but their house selections are legit too. We even included the Rainbow Mintz on our Spooky Strains of 2021 list. Not only is the house stuff good, but you'll save 10 bucks in hype too.

**Sherbinskis**

Another beloved import, Mario “Mr. Sherbinski” Guzman has had a spot in the hearts of L.A. cannabis consumers since the earliest renditions of Gelato started to make it south all those years ago. In the years since, the genetics he helped create would go on to corner a significant chunk of the marketplace. Many of the flavors on the legal market trace directly back to his work with Jigga. It's no surprise in the years since Sherbinski first opened his flagship dispensary on Fairfax things have only gotten bigger. As Guzman spends his summers in the hills of the Emerald Triangle searching for new flavors, a rotating door of celebrities, rappers, and enthusiasts head to the shop in search of original flavors.

**Green Dragon North Hollywood**

Another shop growing some great pot in-house, Green Dragon features a variety of one-off feature strains only they have in addition to some more hype things of the moment. The Feria The Fetti that won the hybrid division of the High Times SoCal Cannabis Cup was absolutely a gem. We judged the category and the entry truly stood out from the pack as something very unique that still hit. Green Dragon is also one of the best places in L.A. to get your hands on solid clones.

**The Pottery**

For years, the Pottery had brought L.A. cannabis shoppers one of the widest menus in town. It's often an early landing spot for niche products, but you'll be able to get your hands on all the popular stuff too. And in a world of weed stores impersonating Apple, we always found the Pottery had more of an artsy jewelry store vibe and we don't hate.
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While retailers' technology is often hidden in the backend of administrative or business operations, cannabis technology platforms and other software solutions can be a driving force behind merchants' ability to grow their businesses, meet surging demands on a dime, and adapt to new regulations.

Here are three areas where tech can give cannabis entrepreneurs the leg up they need:

**Ecommerce**

The COVID-19 pandemic forever altered the cannabis retail landscape. Now, consumers not only expect but demand solutions like curbside, in-store pickup, and delivery that keep employees and customers safe. To meet these needs, dispensaries can incorporate scalable, quick-to-implement technology to help streamline a lot of the heavy lifting, so business owners can instead focus on providing modern online shopping options.

Given that online sales are typically 30% higher than in-store sales, ecommerce solutions are a cost-effective avenue for businesses to increase their bottom line and retain more customers. The tailored technology can automate compliance for dispensaries and empower them to track sales metrics, manage inventory, and so much more. It's a simple and intuitive way to manage multiple locations and scale quickly.

**Point-of-Sale**

Point-of-sale solutions are the future of the cannabis industry. Due to outdated regulations that have forced the industry to remain primarily cash-based, many retailers are held back in providing modern payment solutions at scale. However, businesses must have a tech backbone in place for when regulators inevitably catch up with the rest of society and where the industry is likely headed.

Turnkey point-of-sale solutions — with user-friendly design and detailed sales analytics — are built to keep up across multiple high-volume retail locations. Plus, cannabis retailers can take advantage of complete seed-to-sale integration to manage their operations, eliminate the risk of dealing in cash, and maximize efficiency and profits.

**Compliance and Analytics**

The cannabis industry must navigate a complex web of banking, financial, and other regulations for cannabis sales that vary across states and cities. Many businesses must adjust operations or update policies, typically on short notice, to comply with ever-evolving regulations.

New technology solutions constantly monitor regulatory and legislative changes in local jurisdictions and automatically integrate these changes into their platforms, keeping customers compliant and open for business.

The technology also offers advanced analytics with actionable insights about potential and existing customers — an especially important edge in an industry dealing with a patchwork of marketing laws and regulations.

**The Future of Cannabis Technology**

The legal cannabis market is projected to be worth $70.6 billion globally by 2028, and legal cannabis sales are expected to hit $24 billion in 2021.

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We power over 5,000 dispensaries throughout the U.S. and Canada and process $14 billion in sales annually. We're committing more than $100M in R&D over the next year to continue building and launching innovative technology products and solutions that the industry needs to thrive.

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FLAWLESS - L.A. KUSH CAKE:
Tight buds covered in beautiful crystalline trichomes are featured prominently on this delicious cross of Kush Mints and Wedding Cake. It has a sweet smell reminiscent of an ice cream cake kush dessert. Its sweet cake flavor enhanced with potent OG gas give this variety a well-balanced and delightful smoking experience.
Best High Score

Gaming entrepreneur Hector “HECZ” Rodriguez named his new cannabis brand Pine Park, after a spot in Chicago where he used to sneakily smoke out as a teen. Today no sneaking is necessary, and within the esports community that made him a star, weed is obviously huge. Getting into the biz was a no brainer. The founder and CEO of OpTic Gaming touts nostalgia and collaboration as components of PP, with independent California-based cannabis farmer partnerships including Jason Morgan in Santa Cruz and Waverider Nursery and Posibl Project in the Salinas Valley, and more to come. An alliance with OpenNest Labs’ cannabis venture studio as an incubator supports growth within gamer culture, too. Rodriguez, whose image is on the brand’s packaging, knows his stuff when it comes to strains and potencies that might enhance the digital play and game controller experience, so this one should be a winner as it competes for the high score against other brands. pineparkhq.com

Best POT-us

L.A. born and bred Presidential Rx has been around since 2012 and founders Everett Smith (who was a professional basketball player in Europe before taking a free throw into cannabis) and John Zapp have been focused on perfecting the brand ever since – via marketing, packaging and media design, vendor procurement and more. It’s paid off. The Los Angeles-based company is one of the largest infused flower outfits out there and the third-largest pre-roll brand in California. The colorful packaging definitely catches the eye, but it’s the product’s strength that keeps fans buying. Touted as “The World’s Strongest Pre-Rolls” (the top-selling infused blunt line called Moon Rocks is particularly far out), Presidential rules if you’re looking for organically grown cannabis with superpower vibes. Also, check out the Presidential Suite – a private members-only club for cannabis and music lovers at Juicy Pizza on La Brea in Hollywood. presidentialmoonrocks.com

Best Vape n’ Chill

Airgraft wants to be known as “The Netflix of Vapes” and their approach to the vape pen experience is definitely on par, at least with the early Netflix days, when we used to get DVDs in the mail. The idea is that fans of vapor pens and cannatech, in general, spend too much money and there are ways to change that via a membership program. Airgraft charges $10 for their battery and $10 a month for membership, which gets you deep discounts on vape pods from well-known brands such as Friendly Farms and Gold Drop. If you’re a gadget person you’ll love the sleek black device, which vaporizes pod oil without burning. There’s no traps or filters, which Airgraft says frees up to 40% more oil per pod, each of which is activated by "Magic Key" through QR code that provides a rainbow of colors as it connects to your smartphone. airgraft.com

Best Arty Favors

The link between art and cannabis culture has only begun to be explored, and Pure Beauty is out to do it right. Known for their indoor-grown, high-quality flower, they also boast cool and vibrant packaging. The past several months, the company has stepped up its game – first, with a cool L.A. bong exhibit with artist Jochen Holz, and then with an eye-candy 5 Pack mini’s collaboration featuring five fab artist (Sterling Ruby, Hassan Rahim, Yu Su, Sneeeze Magazine, and Purity Wine) designed boxes, each of which represent different sectors of culture including art, design, arts, streetwear, and cannabis. The boxes retail for $30 and proceeds are donated to the Dream Corps Federal Prison Closure Campaign, which seeks to be the largest prison closure campaign in U.S. history, organizing those impacted by the federal prison system to push for federal policy changes, form a commission to formalize prison closures and build public support for rehabilitation and redemption versus incarceration. purebeautypurebeauty.co

Best Bargain Bulk Bud

Union Electric wants to help you get lit on the cheap and they hope you’ll dig their product enough to stock up. Featuring fairly-price flower in ⅛ pouches and an even better deal buy in 1 oz. pouches, UE’s sativa, indica and hybrid product is a feel-good and frugal way to spark up.
Launched one day after the Covid-19 lockdown, they found a following during lockdown and have kept it even as things have started to open up. Positioned as champions for social acceptance of legal cannabis and political advocacy, they’ve got a 2% giveback program to local communities, and encourage equity via a crowdfunding campaign that allows the public an opportunity to invest in the company. unionelectric.co

Best New Cannabis Bevs (tie)

The cannabis beverage market is slowly but surely growing and it promises to be a fun alternative for the cocktail crowd. Amass Afterdream, using full-spectrum cannabis, touts "a balanced ratio of 8 plant terpenes for enhanced aroma, flavor and feeling while subduing negative side effects."

The botanicals-based drink has zero calories and less than 1g of sugar per serving so it should be a nice alternative for the body-conscious. With a subtle yet distinct flavor, it can be sipped on the rocks or as a mixer, making for a relaxing sip and a dreamy sleep after. Made in California, it’s available at Sweet Flower online and their four Southern California dispensaries. amass-era.com

Pronounced “moon,” Mxxn is a “1:1 non-alcoholic replacement for gin, tequila and bourbon,” that makes for a cosmic non-alcoholic cocktail option, currently available in California with more states to come. The brand’s head formerly worked with top global spirits companies in product innovation and commercialization, and this drink reflects that, from its mixology-driven marketing to the foodie-style L.A. launch events earlier this year. The THC-infused liquid brings a citrusy, slightly floral flavor to your favorite mixer and relaxing alternative (no hangovers!) to the booze buzz. enjoymxxn.com

Queen of Collaborations

CANN, the queer-founded cannabis-infused “social tonic,” joined forces with the House of Avalon this year for a colorful campaign that caught our attention via billboards and posters, as well as a series of fabulous fetes in Hollywood. Avalon, the drag-led design collective that got attention via RuPaul’s Drag Race season 13, introduced fans to two of its members on the show – winner Symone and top contender Gigi Goode. Coinciding with the release of a documentary about its members, the CANN campaign promoting the brand’s Hi-Boy line, also includes Lizzo stylist Marko Monroe. The fruity yet light canned cannabis drink has had a big LGBTQ+ presence (their Pride products did it right too) and the alliance marked its boldest promo thus far in terms of celebrating cannabis in the queer community. We look forward to seeing what’s next. drinkcann.com

Best French Flava

Edibles get fancy with Hervé, a new brand launched by two French men nodding to artful patisserie processes. Macarons, candy and desserts reflect traditional French culinary style and meld it with innovative ideas. A great example? Their “Le Mirage” dispenser, which is like a discreet Pez case for grown-ups, releasing the brand’s tasty blocks of hard candy in small and effective doses. The (USDA patented) refillable dispensing mechanism is sold like a vape pen with replacement cartridges of candy that are low calorie, vegan and gluten-free with no added sugar.

Best Branding

Jay-Z’s Monogram continually captured our interest this year, and not just because of J’s music or fame. With an eye on culture and cultivation, the brand ambassador Deandre “De” Watson has...
played a large role as well, and it’s been reflected in many different ways. From the packaging to the marketing to the regular product drops, Monogram has maintained its place as a lifestyle-driven brand with the potency and design to back up its big-name expectations. Most of its products are known for their all-black aesthetic, style strength but with the addition of its No.08 Light Strain this past October, Mono should start to appeal to more casual smokers as well. This strain has a light and bright feel that’s calming and creative, and is offered in Loosies, 2g Flower and 4g Flower. monogramcompany.com

**Best Bud for Buddies**

Though quick and convenient, pre-roll joints can feel wasteful if you’re not puffing non-stop. Perfect’s “Perfecto” 2-in-1 seeks to solve this with a double-sided .75g pre-roll, made to cut to size for the mood and moment or split with a friend. Kinda genius. Featuring Perfect’s proprietary blend of “terpene-rich, live resin-infused flower,” the cool customizable smoke allows you to inhale some now, then save some for later or even smoke-out in a COVID safe way by not sharing or passing, but rather, cutting. It is currently available through Ganja Goddess delivery (goddessdelivers.com). perfect-blends.com

**Best Marijuana Moods**

Canndescent has been a top supplier of flower pre-rolls in California for five years now, and one of the coolest things they did – at least for those of us who aren’t necessarily hardcore stoners – was to replace traditional strain names with the actual vibes and effects they might inspire when smoked. It simplifies the experience for a lot of us, and helps us choose what might be best for any given smoking situation. Whether you want to “Calm,” “Cruise,” “Create,” “Connect,” or “Charge,” Canndescent has a joint for it, and their Variety Flight Pack provides a great way to see what works when, which is a win-win for those of us who go from lit to lazy depending on the day. canndescent.com

**Best Women of Color-Focused Weed Shop**

Josephine & Billie’s, which just opened in South L.A. last week, is a refreshingly re-imagined space for cannabis shopping and education. They aim for a community-driven culture where
smokers and allies alike can “feel safe and welcomed to learn about the healing benefits of cannabis.” Inspired by music and social-driven “tea pads” that existed in Black communities in the '20s and '30s, the speakeasy-style space is naturally women-founded and led, making it the first of its kind in the U.S. (You should know the female names referenced in its name, but if you don’t, think Baker and Holiday!) They also carry products that reflect diversity and inclusivity, Black and Brown-owned brands, and price points for all. josephineandbillies.com

Best Culture Pot-cast
David Hershkovits, co-founder of Paper magazine, is more than an arbiter of alternative journalism, he’s a master of culture. Though he sold the mag back in 2017, he made an indelible mark with the New York-based publication – from its long history spotlighting all forms of underground culture and its influences on mainstream pop culture, to its recognition of the internet’s power for all forms of media (the famous Kim Kardashian “break the internet” cover). Now he’s out to do the same for cannabis culture via his podcast called Light Culture. Promoted as “Conversations with Cultural Disruptors” the pod is produced by Burb, a Vancouver-based cannabis brand and retailer, which will be opening stores in L.A. soon. The alliance between the brand and ground-breaking media figure promises to highlight the creative connections between cannabis and different subcultures – from music to film to literature and beyond – in a new way, and Hershkovits’ in-depth conversations (he’s already done 100 episodes) put it all into context. Hear it at shopburb.com/blogs/lightculture.

Best Weed Doc
The new documentary Lady Buds profiles six women who’ve been standing out within the commercial cannabis industry following the 2016 decision to legalize weed in California. It also explores how big business practices affect small-town farmers as well as small entrepreneurs and activists, highlighting how pot pioneers saw their excitement turn to uncertainty as some legislation favored corporations and big money. Many who helped create this market ended up struggling and it’s time for the full story to be told. While women still don’t get the attention they deserve as trailblazers in this industry, this doc seeks to change that and we are here for it! See for yourself when it’s released this November on VOD by Gravitas Ventures. ladybudsmovie.com

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APEX HYPER: THE JUNGLE BOYS

In honor of our Best of Cannabis issue, we sat down with the Jungle Boys to talk new tech, pandemics and surviving California’s marketplace as their weed has finally left city limits.

BY JIMI DEVINE

For every special cannabis issue we do here at L.A. Weekly, we always try to feature someone who is absolutely crushing. Once we knew we had the chance to talk new tech, pandemics, and generally surviving the perils of the California cannabis market with the Jungle Boys, the choice was easy.

The Jungle Boys have been at the head of the pack when it comes to most of the newer aspects of cannabis. Despite dating back to the dark ages of the middle 2000s when they first got their hands on Toluca Lake Collective, commercial construction came easy to them from their lives before cannabis was ready for it, and as the warehouse scene popped off bigger and bigger over the years, they did too.

Prior to Proposition 64 bringing down the axe on many, the L.A. cannabis scene was hyper-competitive. Be it growing flowers nice enough to get in premier dispensaries or just finding the warehouse space to do it. It wasn’t easy.

Was it easy for people trapping their faces off growing OG Kush on stolen power and mailing it to kids in Cincinnati? Sure. But for those getting their ducks in a row and preparing for the aftermath of Election Night 2016, it was not easy. It wasn’t as hard as it is now, but certainly a bit more mysterious with different challenges.

Just getting a warehouse was challenging. In the modern era, it’s a lot easier to find a spot to grow because more landlords are willing to cash in. Back then, you took what you could get in premier dispensaries or just finding the warehouse space to do it. It wasn’t easy.

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The Jungle Boys were one of many groups that ended up with a network of smaller grows. Eventually, those organizations, the Jungle Boys among them, would look to consolidate into a smaller number of spaces with an equal or larger footprint.

The Jungle Boys had been in the midst of this process as the pandemic hit.

“The whole COVID thing has been crazy,” Ivan of the Jungle Boys tells L.A. Weekly. “Before they made cannabis an essential business we weren’t sure if we were going to have to shut...
down. I remember there was a couple of days we were in full panic mode. What do we do with all of our employees? What do we do with our plants? And they're saying there's a curfew, and you can't go outside?

But with a quick statement from Gavin Newsom on the matter, California started the trend of making cannabis essential.

"Of course we're essential," says Iva, thinking of his response to that moment.

But through it all, they would navigate the pandemic better than most. At the time of our chat, their crew had remained healthy through the long months of lockdown. They never closed their doors to recreational customers or patients at any point.

Ivan believes the cleanliness of their stand operating procedure helped keep the team ahead of any problems.

"We run a very clean and tight operation to begin with," Ivan notes on their pandemic successes. "We're very sterile and we're already basically above hospital grade on everything. So I think we felt confident that we could still run a proper operation, and I think we showed that. During a crazy pandemic, when a lot of people shut down, we kept working seven days a week. We never shut down."

Make no mistake about it, the week before lockdown was the craziest time ever for retail cannabis. No 4/20 has ever compared to the fear of being locked in the house without weed for an unknown amount of time. As with most dispensaries, the week was the busiest ever for the Jungle Boys.

"We've always been busy and crazy and have long lines," Ivan says of the rush on TLC and the other locations. "But when everyone thought things were going to shut down, it was definitely our biggest month or two. I think everyone was kind of in panic, including us. What's going to happen if we shut down? But it was definitely a good couple of months."

After covering the most obvious subject of the moment, we moved the discussion on to a variety of other topics. Among them was the debate over the success of Prop. 64. While there are plenty of ways to approach that line of questioning, we focused on the idea that part of what Prop. 64 was supposed to do was bring the grey market that existed before legalization into the light. We asked Ivan if he thought that was the case. This week also marks the fifth anniversary of the vote.

"If anybody asked me what I think about California, I think we fucked it up," Ivan quickly retorted. "I think we fucked up the industry – the overregulating and overtaxing, and now all this crazy shit that's going on with all these distros. Oklahoma's markets flooded. And California has allowed all these giant cultivation facilities but hasn't allowed the stores. All these cities that are allowing us to cultivate, well they're not allowing us to open up stores."

The lack of retail shelf space is currently a major bottleneck for the development of the wider industry. Most notably, it's hurting the small farmers who have to compete for what room is left on retail shelves after the dispensaries fill much of it with their own product in hopes of surviving how expensive it is to own a pot shop. One thing the Jungle Boys definitely had on their side was the fact they never battled for shelf space in the rec era. By the time they sent their products north for the first time a few months ago, Bay Area heads were making the hour drive to Modesto a few times a week.
This bag is loaded with one of the most coveted strain lineups in the world.

One of the most famous foyers in the fame, prepare for an eye full at TLC before you even get to the counter.
Ivan says they’re lucky to have a legacy brand that’s been around a long time that can move its flower. But where is the rest of this weed going? He sees people starting five to ten thousand light grows with no brand or shop in play and isn’t shocked at the path it has led the wider industry down.

"If they’re not going to allow more stores and lower the taxes, then don’t complain when the market’s flooded, and all these distros are doing all this crazy shit," Ivan emphasizes. "What did you expect? Where did you think all the fucking flower was gonna go if you’re overtaxing you expect? Where did you think all the fuck do you care if I have a DJ, and I have a food truck outside.”

He pointed to their new experiences in Florida where a cultivator can essentially open up however many stores they want. He didn’t claim that’s necessarily the right way, but he’s sure there’s a happy medium.

"Allowing someone to have a 10,000-light grow and not have a store, you’re just asking for trouble," Ivan says.

One of the things that made the Jungle Boys famous well beyond California’s borders was they were essentially a glimpse into the latest and greatest weed tech in their quest to further perfect the process and meet the needs of a customer base that demanded they grow a lot of heat.

We asked if the overregulation of California’s cannabis industry ever impacted their ability to be as cutting-edge as possible now that there is more oversight than ever. While it was a factor, Ivan is more concerned with all the hoops just making it all less enjoyable.

"It’s definitely slowed things down, right?" Ivan says. "It’s definitely taken the fun out of it, not being able to have events and not being able to throw cool things all of our customers.

Ivan argues those kinds of big events pay more money in taxes than anything else.

"We can’t have a bunch of food trucks here?" Ivan asks. "Why the fuck not? Why do you care, as long as we’re paying all of our taxes and you guys are making billions of dollars off it? Why the fuck do you care if I have a DJ, and I have a food truck outside.”

But inside under the lights, they’ve never stopped tweaking. Most notably in the last year as they become one of the more preeminent names in the country to start talking about their work with LEDs.

For decades, the best marijuana has been grown under high-pressure sodium bulbs. While the tech has had slight upgrades to maximize power and efficiency over the years, nothing else really came close in quality. That’s changing. The gap between LED and HPS has significantly narrowed. Ivan now counts himself among those admitting the gap has closed.

"I had to eat crow this year because I’ve always been the guy who talked shit about LEDs," admits Ivan. "We’ve been given so many LEDs from so many different companies and we didn’t have great results with them. And I didn’t think that the technology was there.”

They knew that it was the future, they just didn’t know when it was going to be right.

"It’s like if somebody told me I’d be driving an electric car I would have them you’re fucking crazy," explains Ivan. "I’ve never driven an electric car and now I drive an electric car, so it’s the same thing with these LED lights. It’s like you always heard, ‘Oh, LED could never produce what an HPS produces.’ And then we started seeing this new technology come out where we’re like, ‘Wow these LED are actually better than HPS.’ They’re more efficient, they run cooler, they last longer, and I had to come out and say listen I was wrong. The technology is here and I’ll admit when I’m wrong.”

As a testament to their belief, the new facility coming online for their Florida effort will be all Lux LEDs and every facility they build from here on out will be too. Ivan doubts they’ll ever look back.

But what made some of the most famous growers on the planet commit to the switch?

Two rooms of some of the best pot they’ve ever grown while they were still essentially trying to dial in the new lights.

"Once I saw that, I said well now you know if we can do this, with these genetics and this environment and we’ve grown some of the best flower we’ve ever grown,” recalls Ivan. "That was with us still figuring it out a year and a half ago. Now that we have it fully figured out, we understand that there’s a lot more spectrum in those LEDs.”

Ivan felt like in the early days of LEDs people would end up hitting the plants with too much of the light spectrum. As they stressed the plants, they responded by producing more waxes and lipids like they would if they were under harsh sun or wind conditions. Essentially, these big indoor LED grows would look the same quality as outdoor.

Ivan believed, at the end of the day, the reason why some of the quality was going down with all these LEDs is because people weren’t matching the environment and nutrients to this full spectrum they’ve been given.

"There’s definitely a fine line, where you could give it too much LED and you end up looking like you have a bunch of outdoor flower indoor," Ivan says. "I think finding that line is what we did during this whole COVID thing. We really dove into it and did some R&D with Lux and figure out this LED stuff.”

Once they started having major breakthroughs, it was pretty obvious the direction things were heading for the future.

"We figured out this is how we match the same quality as HPS or better,” Ivan tells us. "Once we did that, we were like, ‘Okay, we got it, we’re going to run LED from here on out.’ We believe what we found is 100% the future of growing.”
Applications are now being accepted for the city of Los Angeles’ “Guaranteed Basic Income” pilot program that would provide $1,000 to individuals, monthly. Until Sunday, November 7, the “Big Leap” program will take applications and consider 3,000 Angelenos 18 and over, who were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and whose income falls within the federal poverty level.

Once the approximate 3,000 individuals are chosen, the monthly $1,000 checks will be distributed for a total of 12 months, through already established welfare programs.

There will be no regulations on how the money is spent and it will not need to be repaid. “GBI programs are founded upon the belief that the people enduring financial instability or poverty are best positioned to make informed financial decisions that efficiently address their households needs – whether that means paying for rent, a new tire, or an unexpected trip to urgent care,” the program’s site reads. “These participants are granted the freedom to meet their most pressing needs without delay.”

While proposing the city’s budget in April, Garcetti mentioned that a universal basic in-
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come plan would be written in to aid those in the poverty level during the pandemic.

“We have budgeted $24 million to provide $1,000 a month to 2,000 households, no questions asked,” Garcetti said in his State of the City address in April. “We’re betting that one small but steady investment for Angeleno households will pay large dividends for health and stability across our city and light a fire across our nation.”

The program’s pilot will serve as research and its efficacy may decide if a guaranteed basic income program can be assessed at a larger scale.

L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF VILLANUEVA SAYS VACCINE MANDATE HAS CAUSED ’MASS EXODUS’

In a letter to the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, Sheriff Alex Villanueva said the COVID-19 vaccine mandate on county workers was causing a “mass exodus” within the Sheriff’s Department.

Villanueva said 20% to 30% of the 18,000 department employees are “no longer available,” with employees retiring, filing worker compensation claims and quitting. He also added the department is not seeing enough qualified applicants to replace the leaving employees.

Because of this, the sheriff said he believed there would be an “imminent threat to public safety.”

“As a result, homicide rates will continue to rise, response times will increase, solve rates will diminish, arrests will decline, patrol services will significantly decline, and patrol stations will close,” Villanueva said in a statement. “This unintended consequence to public safety was predictable. In the near future, unless something changes, the ‘defunded’ and ‘de-staffed’ Sheriff’s Department will no longer be able to sustain the staffing levels required to maintain public safety at the status quo.”

Villanueva called the county mandate unjustified and said employees are already asked to wear masks and take COVID-19 tests.

“Unlike other county departments that can close their doors and merely cause an inconvenience to the general public, the department operates 24/7 to protect the public,” Villanueva said in his letter to the board.

The executive order mandating county workers to show proof of vaccination was announced on August 4 by L.A. County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda Solis.

“[W]e are once again demonstrating to employers across the county that we are prepared to lead by example and set a standard for slowing the spread – just as we did when reinstating indoor masking, which has since been emulated by varying degrees by the CDC, the state, and localities across the country,” Solis said while announcing the order. “We must all be prepared to come together and do our part to protect one another and get this virus under control once more.”

The mandate applied to more than 110,000 county employees.

FDA AUTHORIZES USE OF PFIZER VACCINE FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 11

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration expanded the emergency use of Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine to children ages 5 to 11 on October 29.

A “kid-size” dose of the vaccine may be given to children 5 to 11, and data presented to the FDA showed that the immune responses in that age group were similar to those in the 16 to 25 age group and was 90.7% effective in preventing COVID-19.

“As a mother and a physician, I know that parents, caregivers, school staff, and children have been waiting for today’s authorization. Vaccinating younger children against COVID-19 will bring us closer to returning to a sense of normalcy,” Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock said. “Our comprehensive and rigorous evaluation of the data pertaining to the vaccine’s safety and effectiveness should help assure parents and guardians that this vaccine meets our high standards.”

The Pfizer-BioNTech study was conducted on 4,700 children between 5 and 11, with 3,100 receiving the vaccine in a randomized placebo-controlled environment. In the study, no serious side effects were detected.

In the U.S., children between 5 and 11 make up 39% of positive COVID-19 cases under the age of 18, with 8,300 resulting in hospitalizations.

The emergency use authorization comes days after an FDA panel endorsed the use of the vaccine in that age group.

Receiving EUA is not the same as FDA approval, which at the moment has only been given to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, for ages 16 and older.
CHEF ANDREA DRUMMER ISN’T LOSING SLEEP OVER ADVERSITY

BY MICHELE STUEVEN

The pandemic hit chef Andrea Drummer hard. A pioneering leader in both the culinary and cannabis industries, and the driving force behind West Hollywood’s Original Cannabis Café, she watched her dream shuttered and endured unexpected surgery while wondering how she was going to put the pieces back together. It was a lot to lose sleep over.

The cannabis cafe was at its peak at the onset of Covid, where she had created a first-of-its-kind menu complementary to heightened senses from cannabis. Opened in October 2019, the Original Cannabis Café was reflective of California flavors with its farm-to-table experience for both cuisine and cannabis.

With so many moving parts involved, it’s uncertain when the neighborhood joint will reopen. “The pandemic was a real journey for me,” Drummer tells L.A Weekly in a telephone call. “I’ve done a complete overhaul of my diet and realized how important and restorative a good night’s sleep is. I realized how important rest is and what that’s going to look like moving forward. I’d really like to change the industry. In the restaurant industry, I think historically in the past we’ve seen ourselves as martyrs – we’ve got to go in early and work, work, work. We’re not investing in ourselves and prioritizing sleep. It’s the most restorative thing we can do for our bodies. I want to change that narrative.”

Part of that process has been teaming up with Sleep.com as an advisor and talking about how food impacts sleep.

“There are foods you can eat to get proper sleep, that are packed with melatonin or foods that promote serotonin,” says Drummer, who spent two months searching out the perfect bed and creating an ambiance conducive to a good night’s sleep. “Omega 3 fatty fish is really good for that as well as eliminating foods with lots of sugar and of course alcohol. Your body tells you what it needs and often we ignore those cues. I share this with my staff as well, because I believe that creates a healthy and balanced work environment.”

Drummer shared her recipe for Shrimp Flatbread with Almond Pesto and Black Garlic Dressing, which also incorporates CBD oil.

“Shrimp is packed with Omega 3 fatty acids and L-tryptophan and carbohydrates are good for getting sleep as well,” she says. “We kind of want to steer away from garlic, but black garlic because it’s fermented, changes the composition. The pesto is with almonds, packed with components that promote good sleep. The CBD helps promote relaxation and I use it a lot in my personal routine. I use it in my chamomile tea at night and it’s great in dressings. I just don’t subscribe to store-bought salad dressings. They’re so easy to make and you can control what you’re ingesting. If you have a trusted source of oils and tinctures, they will tell you what the accurate dosage is, but you don’t need much. The yield is far and long with a dressing that can last you upward of a couple of weeks.”

**Shrimp Flatbread with Almond Pesto and Black Garlic Dressing**

**INGREDIENTS**
- Prepared flatbread dough
- 8 ounces peeled & deveined shrimp
- 1 Cup Feta Cheese

**PESTO INGREDIENTS**
- 3 Cups of packed basil leaves
- ½ Cup of almonds
- ½ Cup of grated Parmesan
- ½ Cup of EVOO
- 3 garlic cloves
- Salt & Pepper to taste

**CBD INFUSED BLACK GARLIC DRESSING**
- 1 head of fermented garlic
- 1 tbsp CBD oil
- 1 tbsp chopped shallot
- 3 tbsp lemon juice
- Zest of one lemon
- 2 tsp mustard
- 6 tbsp of EVOO
- Salt & pepper to taste

**TO PREPARE**
- Preheat oven to 425
- Combine the ingredients for the pesto using a food processor then set aside
- Using the tips of your fingers, work the prepared dough into flatbread making sure to spread it thin
- Add a drizzle of oil to the prepared dough and then spread pesto to the surface
- Add shrimp
- Add feta
- Cook in preheated oven for 8 minutes
- Finish with CBD infused black garlic dressing and fresh arugula
of a Jimi Hendrix song, and the budding artist grew up listening to Hendrix with her dad.

“He was very influential to me as a kid,” she says. “He’s passed on now and it’s something that I carry forever. The nickname Dolly came through my teens years when I was playing – a family friend dubbed me Dolly so that just became my name. I had a band name that I changed into Dolly Dagger, because more people remembered the Dolly element instead of the band name. I went with that, and the Dagger bit came naturally. It’s something that’s meaningful to me and sounds cool. I feel like I could live with it for a really long time. Obviously pointing back to Hendrix, it just goes full circle to me. My relationship with my dad, with Jimi, and where it all began.”

Alright then, Dolly Dagger it is. The name fits her, and her music. It’s a sweet/sour dichotomy, like Guns N’ Roses, My Chemical Romance or Bullet for my Valentine. Her music shifts gears between moods and vibes in a similar fashion. Dagger had a band in Australia but it didn’t work out.

“At that point in life, people wanted to start traveling with their boyfriends and girlfriends,” she says. “We’re out of high school and people wanted to do those things but I wanted to go for it so after that band didn’t work out, I left Australia and came to L.A., and started hanging out and being part of the scene.”

Dagger lived in the city of Melbourne, Australia. She says that both Melbourne and Los Angeles have great rock & roll scenes, though L.A. is bigger and breeds more opportunity.

“I’ve met so many Australian and just foreign people that have moved here to pursue music,” she says. “But it’s lovely how in this day and age we’re so connected even across all of our ponds. So that’s quite nice – I still feel connected to home and my career can live in either place. Both cities really harbor a lovely environment for artists to find their feet and build a community. It’s surprising to me how people in L.A. talk about Australian things, venues they’ve played or heard of. Or radio stations. It feels like a real sibling thing almost. They’re two very musical cities, and so I’ve been very lucky to live in both of them.”

Dagger describes her sound simply as “alternative rock.” Influences come from all over the place, but that’s a subgenre tag that seems to fit. Her latest single is the dark and caustic “Say What You Want,” which she says is about friendships falling apart.

“‘No sugar coating,’ she says. ‘I think we as adults have a lot of relationships that people go through in terms of partners, but this is purely about a friendship that did not work out and burying that. Taking the time to let it go, that someone is trying to gaslight you and control you. Unfortunately, that can happen in friendships as well as relationships. So it’s just about that toxic environment and saying goodbye to it.”

The very DIY video has a horror movie theme, perfect for this time of year.

“I took it to vote on Instagram Stories, funnily enough,” she says. “I didn’t really have a budget for this one, so I had to do something myself for free. ‘What can I shoot on my phone?’ My two thoughts were either a backyard party, or this kinda horror movie where I’m burying a body. People voted and they wanted horror. So I’m burying a body and getting into that metaphor of saying goodbye to a friend.”

Back in Australia, Halloween isn’t as big a deal as it is here in the States, so Dagger is determined to enjoy the holiday even if we can’t be full-on yet.

“I think we’ll have a low-key, vaxxed party in the backyard,” she says. “I did decorate the yard this year, feeling a little more relaxed now with everybody being vaxxed and taking the proper precautions. Hopefully, we can have a couple of friends over and watch Scream on the projector.”

To celebrate this BOLA Cannabis issue, we asked if and how she partakes.

“I use CBD vape but also I’m not a massive regular,” she says. “I only got into it this year but yeah I dabble!”

With the single out and Halloween done, Dagger is planning to release more music this year.

“We’re definitely going to keep doing singles,” she says. “There is another one – ‘Nightmare.’ That will be out hopefully for a nightmare before Christmas. We have a whole bunch of songs to put out next year as well, which we may put into an EP. We’re just feeling the waters out at the minute.”

The “Say What You Want” single and video is out now.
FALLEN FRUIT’S ENDLESS ORCHARD GROWS BOUNDLESS OPTIMISM

The artist duo goes out on a limb to nurture a food-based community

BY SHANA NYS DAMBROT

Imagine how different the world might look if folks dedicated public and accessible private spaces to growing fruit trees with the specific intention of sharing their bounty with their neighbors. Parks, front yards, byways and sidewalks all over the globe, populated with beautiful, shade-giving, air-cleansing and nourishment-yielding plants and trees. Avocados, lemons, apples and pears, tomatoes, squash, pomegranates, oranges...all free for the grateful taking. It's not only the ultimate locavore movement, and the freshest way to get to know your neighbors and your ultimate locavore movement, and the freshest way to get to know your neighbors and your neighborhood, it’s a powerful statement on sustainability, food justice and — pardon the pun — the power of deep community roots.

For Austin Young and David Burns, this is the dream. The artists work under the name Fallen Fruit, staging fruit-based gatherings including jam-making and tree adoption, as well as public-space planting in parks and plazas and art- and art history-focused installations in galleries and museums globally. Recent years have seen them create art and actions from Austria to Australia, Italy to Kentucky, West Hollywood to Puerto Vallarta — and now they’re coming home to Los Angeles, with trees for all their friends.

As part of their epic ongoing Creative Capital project Endless Orchard — which among other things has resulted in fruit trees planted in 19 city parks around the U.S. — Fallen Fruit not only encourages urban communities around the world to plant fruit trees, but to locate them online in an app-based mapping system that creates local fruit trails and a global view of the living and ever-growing network. Of course, it’s not only a map of free fruit, it also doubles as a guide to lovely, welcoming neighborhoods. For Fallen Fruit’s return to Los Angeles, on Saturday, November 13, they’re staging a free party and tree adoption at downtown’s L.A. State Historic Park — site of their permanent sculptural installation Monument for Sharing, which they describe as, “the symbolic trailhead for the Endless Orchard, which from there goes out into the world.”

Established in 2017, Monument to Sharing is a permanent public artwork composed of large-scale planters decorated with community-sourced phrases about food, sharing and memory that wrap around 32 orange trees. The interviews were gathered while planting publicly accessible fruit trees in front of homes and businesses within walking distance of the park, and the phrases create a poem that describes what it means to be a great neighbor as the trees continue to grow and bear fruit for all who want it. In that way it acts as both the physical and poetic epicenter of the Endless Orchard movement. More than that, during the pandemic, the monument activates and enables gathering in a safe, free, outdoor location — the exact kind of thing for which we’ve all become so grateful lately.

In fact, Covid had a profound impact on Young and Burns — not only the logistics of staging projects around the world, but in terms of their work’s larger, deeper significance, as the work has always been partly about survival and perseverance, as well as the urgency of community-building. “Since lockdown started in March of 2020 our work quickly shifted,” they tell L.A. Weekly. “All public projects were stopped completely and most of the installation artworks also were paused until recent months. But there are two projects that did continue thankfully, and that allowed us to keep working collaboratively and pushing our creative process.”

They completed and installed a large immersive artwork engaging the permanent collection of the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne, investigating the legacy of colonialism and erasure of local cultures. Titled Natural History, it was commissioned for the NGV Triennial. They also created and installed Like In Paradise, an investigation of beauty and translocated ideas of paradise for the Höhenrausch Museum in Linz, Austria, which is on view through March 2022 if you’re going that way. These and other Fallen Fruit museum installations are an extension of their more directly agrarian history. “We think of these artworks as portraits of a place,” they say, “pieces made through things they discover from research.”

“The fruit, flowers, objects, archives...Our immersive installations are made by conducting countless interviews with locals, exploring deep into permanent collections and learning the complex histories that tell nuanced stories often
of immigration and the movement of fruit, ide-
olologies and cultural objects along with people."
So have the challenges and issues coming
to the fore in the past two years inspired them
to reconsider their practice, or have they wit-
nessed more people understanding what they do
and why they do it? "Short answer: Yes," they
say. "That idea we love, that generosity begets
values that comes with it. "We believe in sharing
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decree changing names as follows: Present name: RICHARD MICHAEL BOZOZ. Proposed name: RICHARD VASTANO.

The Court ORDERS that all persons interested in
this matter appear before the court at the hearing indicated below to
show cause, if any, why the petition for a
change of name should not be granted. Any person opposing
the name changes described above must file a written
objection that includes the reasons for the objection at
least two days prior to the hearing to be held and must appear at
the hearing to show
cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is
timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a
hearing.

NOTICE OFhearing
Date: December 20th 2021 Time: 10:00am
Dept: T Room: 312. The address of the court
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A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for
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PETITION OF Lorenzo De Leon FOR CHANGE OF NAME
To All Interested Persons:
1. Petitioner: Lorenzo De Leon filed a petition with this court for a
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