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San Jose Foos

How one Instagram account has shaped the Bay Area's feed & all-day, all-night atmosphere

The Bay Area Collective

Connecting creatives, celebrating culture, & amplifying voices from the Bay

Lucky Three Seven

Celebrating Filipino flavor & Bay Area spirit in every bite

From the Bay, For the Bay

Curated sounds to fuel your Bay Area pulse

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A bold first drop: wear the vision, rep the vibe

THE BAY AREA COLLECTIVE





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MODELS: MIA JUNI + TWISHA CHAWLA



PRODUCER: SHAYARI SAHA



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FOR THE COMMUNITY

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HENRY PHAM

As we unveil our 24th issue, we take this opportunity to reflect on the journey that has brought us here. Another set of twelve issues that celebrate our origins, our growth, & the community that inspires us. Every milestone, whether it's the 12th, 24th, or 36th issue, is a moment to reconnect with our roots & dive deeper into what makes us solucky.

This November & December issue is a love letter to the Bay Area culture that shaped us. It is what makes us truly distinct from anywhere else. From the electric energy of concerts & block parties to the fog-covered beauty of Twin Peaks & the iconic sights of the Golden Gate Bridge, this issue celebrates the heart & soul of San Francisco to San Jose. It's a celebration of the people, the streets, the sounds, & the art that make this region so unique.

This month, solucky is proud to collaborate with local talents, shining a spotlight on Bay Area artistry in all its forms. We also take this time to celebrate our roots & reaffirm our commitment to staying grounded in the culture that has supported us. We embrace the diversity & nostalgia that comes with the holiday season. These moments remind us of the importance of holding onto where we come from as we continue to grow.

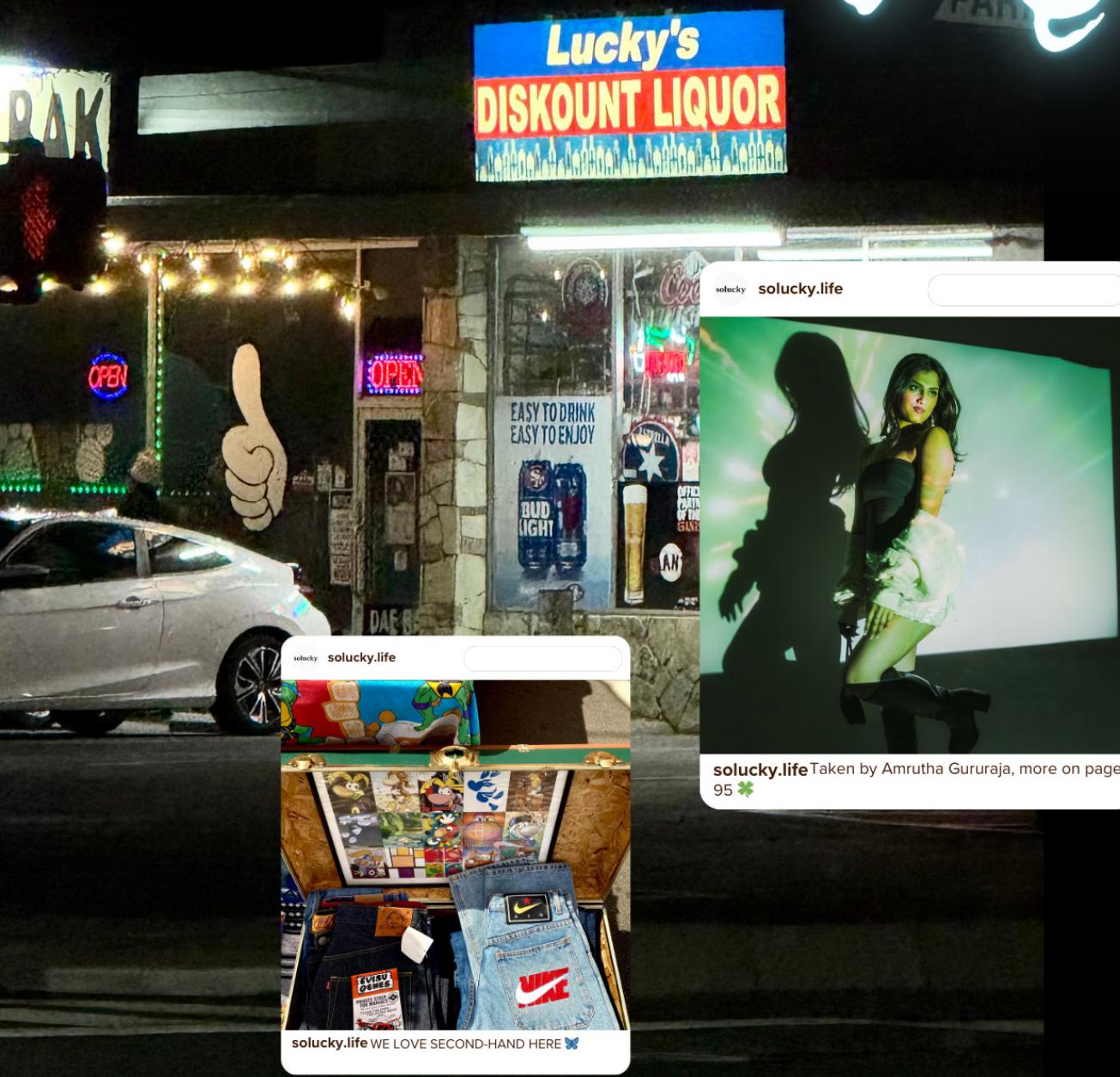
As we close another chapter with Issue #24, we are reminded that every milestone is an opportunity to revisit our purpose. Our goal is not only to tell stories but to build a platform that uplifts the voices of our community. Thank you for being part of this journey, & here's to the next twelve issues & beyond.

Let's continue to stay solucky, together & continue to celebrate our creativity.



THANK YOU 2024!

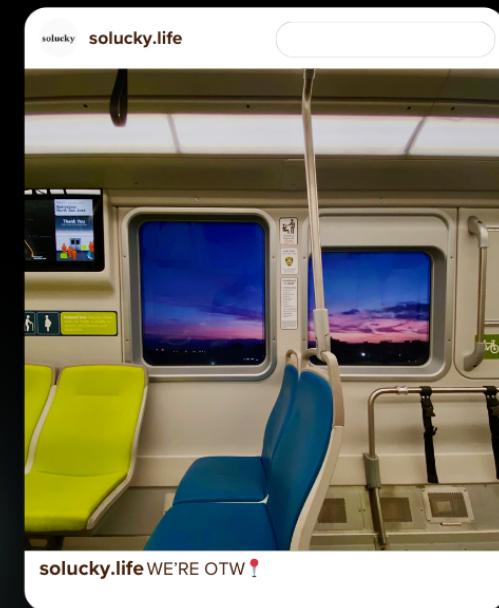
FROM THE FOUNDER



Another twelve issues is an unreal feeling. From the start of building the solucky community, nothing about this journey has ever felt ordinary. Being surrounded by such creative & uniquely talented individuals has been the most rewarding experience within this lifetime. To now say we've completed another full set of twelve issues is truly incredible.

The amount of content we've produced is equally mind blowing. Transitioning from monthly to bimonthly magazine releases has allowed us to accomplish so much more. There has been a significant increase in photoshoots/interviews & collaborations with models, creatives, & businesses - alongside an expansion of our creative vision to new heights. With that in mind, we've decided to move from bimonthly to seasonal releases. This shift will give us the time we need to fully execute our ideas & create the kind of editorial content that reflects our ambitions.

In slowing down the magazine process, we're also making space to focus on other priorities: releasing merchandise, growing our team, hosting events, & much more.





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As we push Issue #24 out, we're excited to share that we've expanded our team & made significant progress on our long awaited website, which is set to launch in February 2025. Get ready, our upcoming magazine issues & other projects are filled with exciting ideas that we can't wait to share.

Lastly, a special thanks to the entire solucky contributors team, as well as past members. None of this would exist as it does without your passion & dedication. It's truly a privilege to create alongside you all.

- FOUNDER OF SOLUCKY
SANJANA SOLANKI <3



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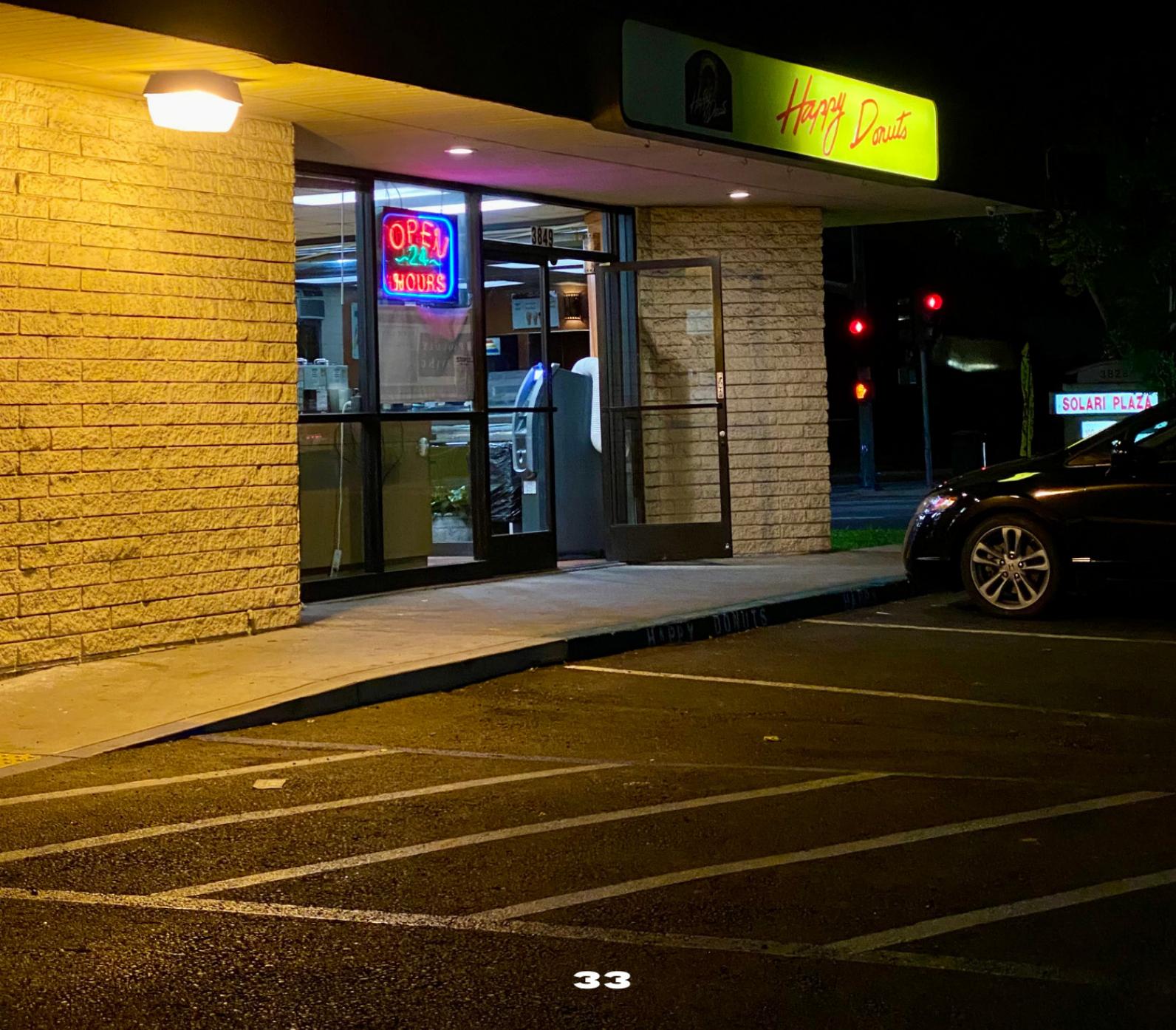
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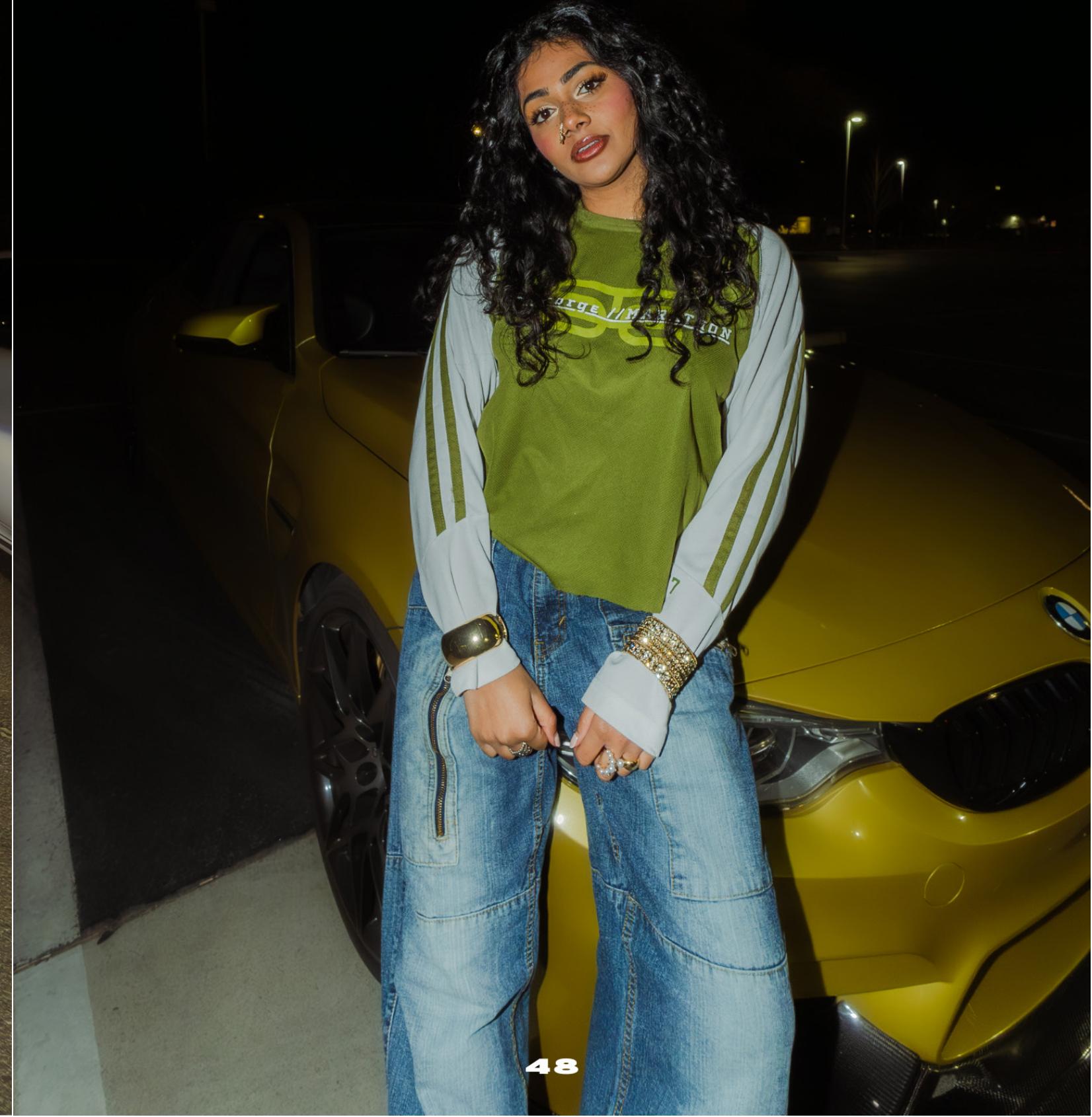
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@SANJOSEFOOS ON IG

SAN JOSE FOOS



Looking for the best bites or the hottest events in the Bay Area? Look no further than @SanjoseFoos. The Instagram account is a must-follow for foodies & nightlife enthusiasts, known for showcasing the city's lively social scene. As of 2025, @SanjoseFoos has garnered 251k followers & over 2.5k posts, delivering mouthwatering photos, honest reviews, & insider tips to provide the ultimate guide to San Jose's community treasures.

What sets the account apart is its commitment to storytelling, whether it's focusing on nostalgic throwbacks or highlighting the humble beginnings of a mom-and-pop business. Each post dives into the culture & history of the eateries, offering a deeper understanding of what makes San Jose's food scene so unique. They kicked off the year with a bang,



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partnering with Mexico Bakery, a local panadería, for an exciting giveaway. The Instagram Reel garnered over 300 comments, shining a spotlight on the business while resonating with the city's large Latino population.

Lately, their posts have promoted an upcoming block party in the area, widely recognized as San Jose's largest music festival, where Australian house & techno producer Fisher (@followthefishtv) is set to DJ. Aside from their standard content, they've teased ideas of potential merch, like baseball caps, for fellow residents through interactive story polls. With ongoing growth in sponsorships & evolving content, we're eager to see what's in store for @SanjoseFoos for the rest of the year.





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LUCKY THREE SEVEN

In the heart of East Oakland at 2868 Fruitvale Ave, the restaurant Lucky Three Seven reflects everything that makes Filipino & Bay Area culture so special. It's a beacon of Filipino culture & a testament to the unwavering spirit of the Bay Area. For over a decade, this spot has served up beloved Filipino classics lumpia, pancit, adobo, & their famous G-Fire Wings, a mouthwatering crowd favorite inspired by a cherished family recipe passed down from the owner's grandmother.

Owned by cousins Mark Legaspi & the late Jun Anabo, Lucky Three Seven embodies everything Oakland stands for: resilience, community, & unapologetic pride & love for their home. Tragically, Jun's life was cut short in 2022, but his legacy lives on in the flavors of every dish & the vibrant energy of the restaurant he poured his heart into. This restaurant stands as a tribute to family; just outside a stunning mural of Jun graces the wall, a colorful reminder of his impact & a celebration of his life. Lucky Three Seven has also become a hub for street art, supporting graffiti & urban artistry that contributes to Oakland's unique culture. Mark's words, "We bleed Oakland," capture the essence of their mission & not just to serve incredible food, but to represent & uplift their community, no matter what challenges arise.



This restaurant honors tradition, creativity, & the heartbeat of the city while also keeping everyone's stomachs full! It continues to honor Jun's memory by fostering connections within the community & spreading awareness about Filipino cuisine. For me, Lucky Three Seven holds a special place in my heart. Besides the fact that I live just around the corner, it's always been one of my go-to spots in Oakland, a place where the food is as unforgettable as the bold & vibrant energy it provides. With every dish I order, I am automatically transported back to being a little kid eating my grandma's home cooked meals.

Whether it's your first time trying Filipino food or you're craving the comforting taste of home, Lucky Three Seven is an authentic Bay Area experience you don't want to miss. So, if you're in Oakland, slide through & grab a plate of G-Fire Wings or a hearty helping of kare-kare. It's a place where the rich, bold flavors of Filipino food blend perfectly with the energy & pride of the Bay Area. Trust me, you'll taste the love, history, & soul in every bite, & you'll walk away feeling a little more connected to what makes the Bay Area so unique.

"Oakland & the nation is getting shadier, period. But everyone seems to pick on Oakland. Every place got bad, but also look at the good. This is home. We'll fight for this freakin' place." - Mark Legaspi in a Tiktok interview

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A SOLUCKY CURATED EDITION

SPOTIFY PLAYLIST

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IF THIS PLAYLIST DOES NOT FIT YOUR MUSIC TASTE, DO NOT WORRY AS WE WILL HAVE A NEW CURATED PLAYLIST IN OUR NEXT ISSUE FOR YOU TO EXPLORE! IN ADDITION, MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR ALL-TIME FAVORITES ON OUR SPOTIFY ACCOUNT - THE "GEMS" PLAYLIST!

SCAN THE CODE IN THE APP'S CAMERA TO LISTEN TO OUR NEWEST PLAYLIST :)



Find all this playlist by scanning the code (on page 77) through the Spotify app's camera!

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FROM THE BAY, FOR THE BAY
E-40, Saweetie, Mistah F.A.B., & more

Tap into our ultimate Bay Area curated playlist. Featuring legends like Mac Dre, E-40, Keak Da Sneak, & P-Lo, alongside contemporary stars like ALLBLACK, Larry June, & Saweetie, this unskippable playlist offers a dynamic mix of bangers. Classics like Mistah F.A.B.'s "N.E.W. Oakland" & Gorilla Pit's "Scrapin'," capture the essence of the hyphy movement, while other tracks, regardless of their origin, embody the recognizable energy of the Bay. This playlist isn't just music; it's a tribute to the culture - it's diversity, street life, & Cali Rap wrapped into one. From late-night BART rides to corner store stops, & sideshows, it's a sonic journey. So press play, ghost-ride the whip (safely, of course), & let the hyphy spirit of the Bay take over.





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OUTFITS

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MODEL

INTEREST FORM

The Model Interest Form is open to anyone who is interested in a modeling opportunity & feels comfortable in front of the camera. Whether you're an experienced model or just starting out, we welcome submissions from all levels of experience. To be considered, you must be based in the Bay Area or able to be present during the photoshoot. Feel free to submit your application at any time, & we'll reach out with more details.



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CONTRIBUTORS

INTEREST FORM

The Contributors Interest Form is for anyone who is passionate & looking for an opportunity of a creative outlet to contribute. Being a contributor with the solucky team will give you voluntary experience from solucky as a brand/magazine &/or simply showcase your work submission(s). This form will allow you to choose what kind of role or submission you would want with the brand. Our team is composed of multi-talented writers, photographers, editors, designers, & curators. We welcome any kind of passionate work or workers, so feel free to send us a submission at any time! This experience is perfect for resume building & finding the right experience for you!

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