

Readers Choice

Where to Get a Hole in One Tilden Park Golf Course

EDITORS CHOICE

BEST INNER-CITY BARBERSHOP Jackie's Cuts & Styles

First, you'll be greeted like you've been there, even forced into some animated debate.

Eventually, you'll be invited to sit in a chair and asked that timeless question: What would you like?

If you're at Jackie's Cuts & Styles, a few steps from 66th and Bancroft avenues in East Oakland, your answer can be whatever.

You can get a simple-but-classic temple taper, for that professional look. Or a bald fade, with the kind of contrasting blend and crisp lines that will have people asking where you got cut. Or, you can join in the latest hair trend and get a perfectly shaped faux hawk or whatever design you like carved in your head.

"They have barbers who can do just about everything," says Jirema Giletta, who before opening up his own shop, Dream Stylez in San Leandro, earned his stripes cutting hair at Jackie's, where he still gets his own hair cut.

And while your mane is being groomed into a work of art, you will be entertained by all the typical trappings of an inner-city barbershop: the unique characters who come through, the lively discussions on current events, banter about the local sports teams and all the gossip your ears can handle.

When you walk out, you'll have a wealth of new information (little of which is reliable), a smile from the entertainment and a sharp haircut to show off.

—Marcus Thompson II

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MOST MEMORABLE NEWS RELEASE Smokey's Tangle

Oakland Magazine gets tons of news releases every day from e-mail and snail mail, and lots of them get trashed. But Smokey's Tangle, a clever little art gallery in Temescal, earned a coveted and somewhat permanent spot on the bulletin board for a one-page Mad Lib-style presser introducing itself and its promotional products. Emily Wick did the pencil writing, using imperfect but legible penmanship to tout the gallery, its store, website and a haunted house. She left a few smudges, scratched out rather than erase a letter and used lots of exclamation points (nine, to be exact) for just the right effect. Pure genius. Oh, and smartly, her note (which bid "Have a spooky day") accompanied swag: a Kitty of Oakland bag and two prints. Thanks, Emily. Head over to Smokey's Tangle to see what you've been missing.

—Judith M. Gollman

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LIFESTYLE (continued)

➔ **Professional Who Can Make Your Home Look Like a Million Dollars** Kelley Flynn Design, 3315 Grand Ave., (510) 207-9603, www.kelleyflynn.com

Best Live Music Venue Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, (510) 238-9200, www.yoshis.com

Where to Catch a Flick Grand Lake Theater, 3200 Grand Ave., (510) 452-3556, www.renaissancecineallto.com

Best Museum Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak St., (510) 238-2200, www.museumca.org

Best Place to People Watch Lake Merritt

Best Venue for Drama and Comedy Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley (510) 647-2949, www.berkeleyrep.org

Best View to Impress Out-of-Towners Grizzly Peak

PETS

Best Pet Shop Redhound, 5523 College Ave., (510) 428-2785, www.redhoundpets.com

Best Veterinary Clinic Montclair Veterinary Hospital, 1961 Mountain Blvd., (510) 339-8600, www.montclairvethospital.com