

Arts & Entertainment

East Palo Alto Native Excels at Black History Film Festival

by Daniel Fontenberry
EPA Today Contributor

At just 24 years old, East Palo Alto native Wayne Wallace has accomplished more than most people do in a lifetime. He is a successful actor, producer, and entrepreneur. In 2005, his production company, Blue Bomber Entertainment, released a film that was licensed for worldwide distribution by LionsGate Films and produced television commercials that have aired on Bay Area and Sacramento television stations.

"Driven, I think is the term that describes me best," says Wallace. "I think it has something to do with the fact that I grew up with not so much, constantly coming into contact with people who had very, very much. My attitude has always been that I want the best that I can get, and I'm willing to work for it."

Wayne Wallace's First feature film, FUGITIVE HUNTER, opened this year's East Palo Alto Black History



Wayne Wallace

Film Festival, which took place February 25 at the Eastside Preparatory School Theater. Festival Director Daniel Fountenberry thought it was only natural to begin this year's festival with Wallace's film, as Wallace is the first East Palo Alto filmmaker to sign a distribution deal with a major film studio.

"Wayne Wallace is a testament to the potential of East Palo Alto's youth and part of East Palo Alto's living history," said Fountenberry. "It is appropriate that his tremendous accomplishments are celebrated in his hometown, amongst his family and friends." Wallace will be on hand to present and answer questions on his film.

FUGITIVE HUNTER is an action-packed story about a bounty hunter who becomes

the hunted when he uncovers the truth about his boss. Down on his luck, Quick, played by Wallace himself, goes to work for his father's former partner Neil Swift. The money rolls in, but things take a dangerous turn when an informant reveals Swift's relationship to a known outlaw.

The screenplay for FUGITIVE HUNTER is based on the experiences of Wallace's uncle who is the general manager of a prominent bail bonds company and a real life bounty hunter. Wallace's film is among the first to take viewers into this little known world.

"Fugitive recovery--or 'bounty hunting'-- was a term everyone knew, but an occupation no one knew anything about. This film became an opportunity to shed a little bit of light on the subject, and remind people that it's still a very present reality, one that has been a part of American culture since the Bill of Rights."

Wallace refined his talent for filmmaking at USC where he earned his bachelors degree. However, he began his career in show business in East Palo Alto, where he

began acting in community productions at 10 years old. He first gained critical acclaim when he starred as "Jackie Robinson" in the Sacramento Theatre Company's Mr. Rickey Calls a Meeting.

Wallace's production company, Blue Bomber Entertainment, grew out of student film projects at Valley High School in South Sacramento during the late 1990's. He founded Blue Bomber with fellow student R.F. Rodriguez and his English teacher, Larry Sherman. Later, he brought on his other colleague, Carlos Hernandez, as a producer. In addition to producing FUGITIVE HUNTER, Blue Bomber Entertainment has produced a number of television commercials that air on television in Sacramento and San Francisco television stations.

FUGITIVE HUNTER will be one of three award-winning films to screen at this year's Black History Film Festival. The festival will feature ZULU LOVE LETTER from South Africa, and NEGROES WITH GUNS.

NEGROES WITH GUNS is a documentary about Rob

Williams, who was ousted from the NAACP in the 1960's for advocating armed self-defenses. He organized blacks in his native Georgia into gun clubs, which defended themselves and their community against the Klu Klux Klan. He lived in exile for over 20 years, spending most of that time in Cuba and China. Negroes with guns screens at 5pm and will be followed by a discussion.

ZULU LOVE LETTER is set in post apartheid South Africa. Thandika, a journalist, still suffers from the trauma that she experienced during the apartheid era. The chance to reconcile her past and her current life presents itself when she is asked to find the body of a girl whose murder she witnessed and testify before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In doing so, she exposes herself to the intimidation of the murderers who want to keep the girl's body, and their crimes, buried in the past. Zulu Love Letter will play at 3PM on Sunday, February 25.

For more information on the Black History Film Festival, visit, www.bhff.org.

Popular Places: Mime's Cafe

Restaurant Review

EPA Today Contributor

"Great food, Great Service, Great Cause" is not something you usually hear among the friendly banter at most restaurants, but at MiMe's Café, 2050 Broadway, Redwood City, that saying is not just a slogan, it's part of MiMe's raison d'etre. MiMe's Café is not just another upscale casual restaurant for the afternoon crowd; it is an establishment with a cause and a mission. MiMe's Café is the Culinary Arts training center for Opportunities Industrialization Center West (OICW), the east Menlo Park job training and placement center which has been serving the east of Bayshore community for over 40 years.

At MiMe's Café, up to 20 students work diligently to prepare the food for the guests. "What makes this program unique," according to Instructor Adam Weiner, "is that from day one each student learns how to work a different station of a bustling eatery." Under Chef Weiner's

tutelage, MiMe's students don't have the luxury of spending weeks or months studying before they actually get to cook: "They are on the front line from the first day," declares Chef Weiner. "I keep the pressure on them" declares

General Manager Betty Basile, "because to work in the culinary field you have to be fast, and you have to make sure it is done right."

During their 12 weeks of training, the students learn everything from preparation to pantry, desserts to sanitary dish washing, soups to sauté, and basic principles to career building. Towards the end of their training the students are sent out on externships to restaurants throughout San Mateo County.



After they complete the program, Counselor Carlos Mercado helps get the students jobs on cruise ships, at restaurants, country clubs, hotels, hospitals, and schools. "The food service industry is the second largest industry in the country," he states. "The only thing larger is the government."

But what about the food? Training is always a good thing, especially when it gives people a second chance in life. It is even better when it is

provided at low or no cost for people who need to develop new skills for a career. MiMe's exemplifies all these virtues, but make no mistake the bottom line is the food. And the food is extraordinary. Betty and Adam don't let the students serve anything that is less than fabulous. "We never say, we are just a school so people will to expect second best anyway," Betty says. Chef Adam takes great pride in the ability of his students and the results are nothing short of amazing.

The Cream of Green Chili Soup is famous throughout the County; all six salad dressings are made from scratch, the pastas are creative and delicious, the hamburgers are hand formed and cooked to order, and the pizza dough, hamburger buns, and foccacia bread are all made fresh daily. The students and staff start making the French Bread every morning at 7:30 a.m. sharp.

If you are lucky you will get to sample one of the rotating "student specials." These have ranged from Tamarind Chicken with Peruvian Purple Potatoes to Shrimp Stir Fry. If you are really lucky, you might

even be asked to judge an Iron Chef tournament which Chef Adam conducts each week. In the Iron Chef tournament two students are provided with identical boxes of ingredients and given 2 hours to prepare five dishes, using only the ingredients provided. The tournament is a lot of fun and can always be counted on to be a big crowd pleaser.

MiMe's Café is a non-profit business located at 2050 Broadway, Redwood City, 650-568-2880. The Café is currently open 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is plenty of parking in the parking garage behind the Café. Want more information about the training program? Call Chef Adam Weiner at 650-568-2885 or e-mail aweiner@oicw.org.

To enroll in the class or hire a culinary graduate call Carlos Mercado 650-330-6467 or email cmercado@oicw.org. If you want directions, wish to request a copy of the menu, or make reservations, call General Manager Betty Basile at 650-568-2880 or email bbasile@oicw.org.

Highlights of Local Cable Programming



Picture of several student participants on 3rd EYE- COMMUNITY FORUM in which former East Palo Alto Mayor Sharifa Wilson moderates a live public forum with Chief Davis and Lt. Alipio of the East Palo Alto Police Dept. on strategies to reduce violence in East Palo Alto. See EPA Today story on page 3.

Ch. 30 Replays :Mar. 2 @ 8:30pm; Mar. 3 @12:30pm.

Check www.communitymediacenter.net for more listings.

Teens Against Genocide - Find out what local teens are doing to raise awareness around genocide in Darfar, a region in Sudan. Host Brian Levine, an Amnesty International Student Advisor, talks with Daniel Feliciano and Dominique Rodriguez about their club, Teens Against Genocide.

Ch. 28 Replays - Mar. 5 @ 6:30pm; Mar. 6 @ 10:30am; Ch. 27 Replays - Mar. 5 @ 2:30pm

Check Media Center web site for more listings.



Talking with Henrietta looks at Menlo Park's 2.9 million dollar budget deficit and the proposals for dealing with it. Guests include Melody McLaughlin, Matt Henry, Asst. City Manager Audrey Seymour, Henrietta Burroughs, John Boyle and Marcia Dore-Perez.

Replays on Channel 27: Sundays@ 5pm, Mondays@8am, Thursdays@8pm, Fridays@11:30am and Saturdays@1:30pm

INTERNET SAFETY

TIPS FOR TEENS

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7. A friend you meet online may not be the best person to

talk to if you are having problems at home, with your friends, or at school. If you can't find an adult in your school, church, club, or neighborhood to talk to,

Covenant House is a good place to call at 1-800-999-9999.

8. If you are thinking about running away, a friend from online may not be the best

person to talk to. If there is no adult in your community you can find to talk to, call the National Runaway Switchboard at 1-800-621-4000.

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EXPLOITED CHILDREN.

Pacific Islanders in the Superbowl

In his speech, Congressman Faleomavaega said, "This is a monumental achievement in the history of our Polynesian people. These young men exemplify for me, the journey of our people, particularly those of us who came to this country from humble beginnings as peoples of small Pacific islands with nothing more but our values, our culture and a love of God and country." Faleomavaega also expressed his pride in these seven young men and gave special recognition and credit to their parents and extended families for their contributions in molding and shaping these athletes into the fearless players they are today.

"Each of these young men has had to overcome great obstacles to be where he is today. Such a feat reminds me of the wisdom of my great heroes, the non-violent leader Mahatma Gandhi whose insight into the human spirit sums up quite frankly what I believe to be a fundamental truth - 'Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.'"

Faleomavaega said, "Lofa Tatupu, Itula Mili, Wayne Hunter, Troy Polamalu, Shaun Nua, Chris Kemoeatu, and Kimo von Oelhoffen epitomize the indomitable will of the Polynesian people and this is another manifestation of America which allows its citizens whose roots are from just

about every part of the world to be all they can be if given the opportunity. In this instance, seven Polynesians have stepped to the plate to share their God-given talent of playing the sport of football in the National Football League."

According to Faleomavaega, of the 300 million Americans today, only 30,000 are Tongans and about 200,000 are Samoans some of whom live in his district and many who live in the continental U.S. There are also approximately 400,000 Native Hawaiians nationwide. "Yet," Faleomavaega said, "from these few in number, the presence of seven Polynesian men in the Super Bowl this Sunday should remind us all as Americans that the values upon which this country was founded are still alive and living - that pure hard work, determination and perseverance continues to be rewarded."

The build-up to Super Bowl Sunday has seen the players featured prominently in magazines, newspapers and television media across the nation, with particular attention to the 'Super-Samoans': Lofa Tatupu and Troy Polamalu in the New York Times, The Washington Post and Sports Illustrated.

Nicknamed in the media as the Seahawk's Trojan horse, and 'a little man in Seattle' at 5'11" and 238lbs, 23 year old Lofa Tatupu who wears #51 is undersized for a

linebacker but according to coach Mike Holmgren, "Lofa is a linebacker. Was probably born a linebacker."

Tatupu was selected with the 13th pick in the second round (45th overall) of the 2005 NFL Draft, the highest pick for a linebacker since Anthony Simmons was taken 15th overall in the 1998 draft. Tatupu is only the second player to be chosen from USC in club history. Lofa is the son of former NFL fullback and special teams great Mosi Tatupu.

Itula Mili wears #88 for the Seattle Seahawks. Mili lettered in football, basketball, and track at Kahuku High School in Laie, Hawaii where he was born 32 years ago. A graduate of Brigham Young University Provo, he stands 6'4" and weighs 260lbs and, in 2003, set the career touchdown mark by a tight end with a career-high four, giving him 12 for his career, surpassing Minnesota Vikings head coach and former Seahawks tight end, Mike Tice.

"Mili has seen action in all 16 games of the NFL season," Faleomavaega said. "In his career in the pros, he was chosen with the 11th pick in the sixth round, the 174th overall choice in the 1997 college draft which is an outstanding accomplishment."

Wayne Hunter is 24 years old and wears #73 for the Seattle Seahawks. At 6'5", 303lbs, he made his NFL debut on the field-goal unit at

Arizona. He was selected with the ninth pick of the third round (73rd overall). He was the 32nd tackle taken by the Seahawks in draft history. Hunter attended Radford High in Honolulu and earned three letters each in football, basketball and track and was an All-American selection by Prep Star. He has a daughter Shaylyn.

Vaunted the "Steel Curtain" defense by the media and the "Tasmanian Devil" by teammates is #43 of the Pittsburgh Steelers, 24 year old Troy Polamalu who is currently in his third season. At only 5'10" and 212 lbs, Polamalu has developed into one of the NFL's top safeties and was one of six Steelers selected to the 2005 Pro Bowl. He was named to the 'Associated Press' second-team All-Pro squad for being a ferocious hitter with excellent speed and is easily recognized when playing due to the large mane of curly hair flowing down his helmet and past his shoulders.

At 6'5" weighting in at 280lbs, 24 year old Shaun Nua is a rookie on the practice squad and wears #96 for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Born in Pago Pago, American Samoa, he attended Tafuna High School where he was an all-league performer. He is known as an athletic defensive lineman.

Chris Kemoeatu is 23 years old and wears #68 for the Pittsburgh Steelers. The 6'3" 344lbs Tongan attended

Kahuku High School where he was named Hawaii Defensive Player of the Year in 2000 and was a first-team All-State pick. He was the sixth-round draft pick in 2005.

At 6'4" 299lbs, Kimo von Oelhoffen wears #67 for the Pittsburgh Steelers and is 35 years old. A native Hawaiian, he hails from Kaunakakai, Hawaii and attended Molokai High School. Kimo has been an anchor on the Steelers defensive line since arriving as an unrestricted free agent from Cincinnati in 2000.

"On behalf of the Asian-Pacific American community living in this great country of ours, once more, it is with great pride that I share with the House and indeed with the entire country the accomplishments of our Polynesian young men in the field of sports, specifically football. Again, whether it be politics, academics, business, the arts, literature, music, the military and its various branches, agriculture, and indeed sports, our Polynesian people continually pioneer, persevere and navigate new paths to achieve the American dream of finding success by sharing our talents, providing for our families and giving something back to our fellow citizens."

The Congressman concluded his speech by extending his thanks in the Hawaiian, Tongan, and the Samoan languages and wishing victory to the best team on Super Bowl Sunday.

Youth Sports

Spring Training is Just Around the Corner

By **Angela Corinne**
East Palo Alto Today

That's right! Tryouts are just underway for the 2006 East Palo Alto/Ravenswood Baseball leagues. No matter what age, EPA offers baseball to both boys and girls at three levels.

At the instructional level, boys and girls ages 4-8 are invited to sign up for Tee-Ball/Pitching Machine. Sign ups were held February 18th and 25th from 11am to 2pm at Jack Farrell Park on Fordham Avenue. Practice will start on

Wednesday, March 1st, with times and future dates TBA. Promoting sportsmanship and encouraging parent participation, this is an instructional league to prepare for the next level. Please contact Ray Askew @ 650-322-5440 for questions or further information.

Young boys and girls, ages 9-12 are invited to tryout for Ravenswood Little League. Tryouts will be held at Jack Farrell Park every Saturday of February from 10am on.

Don't forget to bring a glove. If you don't have one, don't worry, one can



be provided. For further information or questions, a representative of Ravenswood Little

League can be reached at 650-630-1232.

And for the older adolescents, East Palo Alto Babe Ruth offers baseball for ages 13-15. Tryouts will be held at Jack Farrell Park on all Saturdays of February from 11am to 2pm. Practice will begin at Costaño School, Wednesday March 1st. Please contact Ray Askew @ 650-322-5440 for questions or further information.

Please be reminded there is a small registra-

tion fee to play East Palo Alto/Ravenswood baseball, however, the leagues will not decline participation based on lack of funds. Also, the Junior Giants, opens to boys and girls ages 4-18 during the summer, this is free and participation strongly encouraged.

All leagues need volunteer coaches, umpires, and field hands. Lets get as much help as possible from EPA residents and show full support for our boys and girls this 2006 season.

It's Not Just a Game

by **Rachel Kinney**
East Palo Alto Today

The YMCA's basketball program is not just about teaching kids how to dribble or shoot a ball, it's about teaching and developing in our children values that go beyond the basketball court. It's about developing our children's self esteem and team skills, it's about teaching them how to play fair, how to respect others, and how to work with others. It is supporting our children's growth and encouraging families to be a part of this process, perhaps as volunteer coaches and referees, but certainly as their child's cheerleader and number one fan.

"It's amazing how much progress I see in children. After just a few games and practices, their skills and physical fitness improves, and by the end of the season I can see how their character has also developed," said David Farrell, YMCA coach.

The game of basketball has certainly evolved from when it was first invented in 1891 by James Naismith, a YMCA secretary, who used peach baskets attached to poles that he put on opposite ends of a gym to serve as hoops. Today, basketball is far more sophisticated and is

enjoyed by many children and adults world wide.

At East Palo Alto, the YMCA along with the City of East Palo Alto offers an instructional youth basketball league consisting of eight teams with over 90 participants ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade. Basketball participants have skill training one day a week and play actual games on Saturdays at Costaño Elementary in East Palo Alto.

As an inclusive sport program, everyone who registers to play is put on a team, receives equal practice time and plays at least half of every game. During game time positive competition is demonstrated by ensuring that adults and players make decisions that

put the best interests of the players above winning the game.

"I really enjoy coaching children and as a coach, I am the children's teacher, but for me, the children are also my teachers. They are a constant reminder that having fun and making

friends is often more valuable and long lasting than the outcome of a game," Michael Davidson, Y basketball coach for kindergarten to second grade.

Rachel Kinney is the Volunteer/Development Coordinator for the East Palo Alto YMCA



In the YMCA the basketball program children gain self esteem and learn team skills.

East Palo Alto Boxing Club

Learn basic boxing skills.

The boxing program consists of training in a variety of disciplines, and all the necessary equipment is provided. If possible bring your own boxing gloves and hand wraps.

Instructors: Johnnie C. Gray, Jr. & Mitchell Julien

Walk-in registrations are accepted

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For more information call Johnnie at 650-630-0213.

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Gym Hours: 4pm - 9pm (Monday thru Thursday) & 6pm - 8pm (Friday)



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Youth Sports

Al Julian Headline

The Al Julian Invitation Track and field Meet was named after Al Julian in 2002 to honor his contributions to track and field in East Palo Alto.

In 2004, Al retired from the Ravenswood City school district after 46 years of service. The East Palo Alto City Council proclaimed Saturday, June 5th as Al Julian Day in that City in acknowledgement of his service to youth sports.

Who is this man getting such community accolades as a track meet named after him and a day dedicated to his name? Al Julian plain and simple is a teacher, a coach, an accomplished instructor and mentor to youth. A humble and soft-spoken man, Al joined the School District as a teacher in 1959. Prior to joining the district, he was an all-League track and wrestling star at Sequoia High School in the early fifties and a successful assistant coach

to San Jose State's first NCAA National championship boxing team in 1958.

Track in particular and sports in general, have been Al Julian's primary love. Since joining the district, he has devoted his coaching skills, experience and energies. Some of his students in this pursuit have made it as far as the Olympic trials. One student set the AAU record (1969) for the 440 relay in the 12-13-year-old division, a record that stood unbroken for more than 15 years.

Al Julian is such an inspiration that some of his students made to fame. They include Nathaniel "Nate" Branch of the world famous Harlem Globetrotters; Rudy Law, who played major league Baseball; Wendy Brown made the Olympic trials in track; Arthur Edge became a high school basketball coach; Carolyn Hamel-

Galloway runs a track club in San Jose, California and Joseph Prince made the US track team and is currently an author and a teacher.

But surely his more important legacy is in the thousands of young men and women to whom he gave a chance to participate in track and field events, something to strive for, to set their sites upon.

It is this spirit that produced the first three successful track meets and that drives the community toward and even grander Fourth Annual Al Julian Invitational Track and Field meet this year.

The spirit of Al Julian is very much alive and ready to see another round of young people coached and inspired to reach to greater heights. Mark your calendars for May 13, 2006 and help make the children soar!

2006 Dateline

March 15: Track Clinic 1 Cesar Chavez or Costano.

April 19: Track Clinic 2.Cesar Chavez or Costano.

May 13: Al Julian Track Meet 9am-4pm Cesar Chavez.

June 17: Hershey's Regional Championships. San Jose.

1. Al Julian Invitational Track and Field Meet will from a two-day to a one day event.
2. A trophy will be named after Officer Richard Allen May, of the East Palo Alto Police department killed in the line of duty on Saturday, January 7, 2006.
3. All entrants will get a participation certificate as well as a T-Shirt.
4. Medals will be awarded only to the final three winners of each event.

Track coaches: Schools need coaches to prepare kids for the Meet. Coaches must attend either of the two clinics to get pointers on skills to teach. Teachers in schools are particularly encouraged to volunteer. Others are welcome, as well, as coaches or assistant coaches.

- Starters
- Time Recorders
- Set up crew
- Tear down crew
- Announcers
- Refreshment coordinators
- Photographers/Videographers
- Registration officials

The Track meet is seeking \$5,000.00 in cash donations. Funds will be used to purchase T-shirts, certificates, ribbons, medals, refreshments, tent rentals, meet equipment and supplies.

Sponsors (persons donating \$500 or more) and in-kind donations are welcome.

The meet will need the following items:

- Championship podium
- Stage
- Tents and canopies
- Backdrop for award area
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- Tables and Chairs

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East Palo Alto Today is written and distributed by a team of volunteers who are committed in their desire to provide news coverage to and about our community. This edition of the paper is our very first issue. We plan to publish the paper as a biweekly, and as the readership, advertising and funding increase, we will publish the paper as a weekly.

In addition to publishing and distributing 8,000 copies of this issue, we have also launched a web site which will carry online editions of the paper. Currently you can log on to www.epamedia.org and www.epatoday.org. and obtain information about East Palo Alto Today and the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media, the nonprofit agency under whose sponsorship the paper is published.

In time, our website www.epatoday.org will be fully operational, and you will be able to read all of the articles and features in the paper as well as access past articles that you might have missed or want to review. We hope you will participate in our live ongoing "Community Viewpoint" chat site where you will be able to log on and post your opinion about community, state and national issues. We will take the best of these postings and make them a permanent part of our online web site.

East Palo Alto Today represents a communication breakthrough for the East Palo Alto community. In order for East Palo Alto Today to fulfill its goals and thrive, however, we need your support. We would like to continue with the very positive strides that we've already taken, and your contribution will allow us to continue to bring you the real news taking place in this community. Paid staff will ensure that the paper can meet its publication deadline every two weeks and update our website daily. We invite you to partner with us; your donation will truly make a difference.

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Thank you,
Henrietta J. Burroughs
East Palo Alto Today

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Además de publicar y distribuir 8,000 copias de este número, nosotros también estamos lanzando un "Web Site" el cual tendrá la edición del periódico. Actualmente usted puede visitar www.epamedia.org y www.epatoday.org. y obtener información sobre East Palo Alto Today y el Centro de Comunicación de East Palo, la agencia sin fines de lucro que está auspiciando el periódico

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Sea parte de nuestro periódico con sus ideas, noticias y puntos de vista. Si usted tiene ideas sobre algún articulo u otros puntos de interés para la comunidad por favor comunicarse por teléfono o a través de correo electrónico.

2006 es un Nuevo Año. Es un año en el cual nosotros esperamos, con su ayuda, alcanzar nuestras metas, y estamos ansiosos por ver lo que puede hacer East Palo Alto Today en nuestra comunidad. Esperamos que este sea un año emocionante para East Palo Alto Today y para la comunidad de East Palo Alto. De todos nosotros para todos ustedes Feliz Año Nuevo.

Muchas Gracias
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