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## Los Gatos: Reversible shoes have arrived in town.

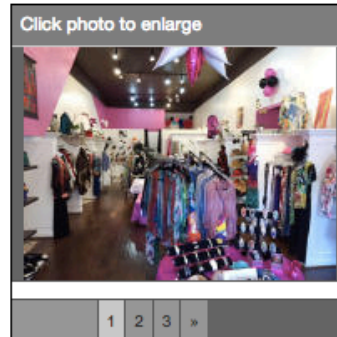
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There's a sign in a just-opened downtown Los Gatos store that says, "No gym. Shopping IS Exercise." Shopaholics would undoubtedly agree with Svetlana Kocic from the new Fashion Palace when she says, "This is my philosophy."

Kocic and her partner, store owner Christian Karam, have stocked the Fashion Palace at 78 W. Main St. with European fashions, footwear and accessories.



"I'm carrying four lines that I call wearable art," Karam said. "They're unique, one-of-a-kind fashions."

One of those lines is by Desigual, which Karam says is "very popular" in Spain. Also, Eastern European designer Modzori brings reversible shoes to the floor. The shoes' bottoms remain the same, but the uppers can be flipped: One side might be gold-tinted leather and the other side might have a bronze shade.

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Verge, which is at the Toll House Hotel, is hosting a June 28 Summer Beer Fest benefiting the Avon Foundation's Breast Cancer Crusade. The event is from 1-4 p.m.; tickets are \$50 at the door.

Eleven breweries, including 21st Amendment, Headlands, Hermitage and Anchor Brewing will be there. Plus, Chef Albert Nguyen-Phuoc will be cooking up bites for beer pairing.

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