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Bill to decertify cops picks up political momentum

By Gennady Sheyner

Area police chiefs call for changes in SB 2, which will empower a panel to rule on stripping officers of their badges

A fter pledging last year to enact meaningful police reform only to fall well short of their goals, California state legislators are now advancing the most ambitious proposal on the table — a bill that would permanently strip badges from police officers found guilty of serious misconduct.

Known as Senate Bill 2, the legislation from Steven Bradford, D-Gardena, would create a process for decertifying police officers who commit crimes, thus ensuring that they would not be hired in another jurisdiction. Decisions on decertification would be based on recommendation by a new nine-member panel known as the Peace Officer Standards Accountability Advisory Board, which will include officers, academics, members of nonprofits and victims of police misconduct.

The movement to create a decertification process gained momentum last year, after the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer sparked national calls for police reforms. But while state lawmakers passed a few bills pertaining to police conduct — including one that banned the carotid restraint and another that expands the state attorney general’s purview over deadly shootings by police officers — Bradford’s decertification bill never got to a vote.

Things are looking considerably more promising this year. Even as legislators continue to debate key details of the legislation, notably, the composition of the review board — SB 2 has already cleared several significant hurdles. On May 26, exactly a year after Floyd’s murder, the state Senate voted 26-9 to advance this bill, sending it to the

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Sheriff Laurie Smith comes under fire

County supervisors OK investigation into jails

By Sue Dremann

Embattled Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith said Tuesday that she would support investigations into her management of the county jail system and other allegations, including possible political influence, which have been raised by county Supervisors Joe Simitian and Otto Lee.

The two supervisors have made numerous allegations that Smith has mismanaged the Department of Correction and has not been transparent. On Tuesday the supervisors’ board referral was discussed by the full Board of Supervisors and unanimously supported.

Since 2015, one inmate has been beaten to death by guards and two others have been severely brain damaged due to head trauma allegedly caused by mismanagement. Simitian noted the Sheriff’s Office wanted control of the jails in 2010 and is responsible for the culture of the jail system.

In just four years, the county has paid $13.6 million to settle two lawsuits, with a third legal action not yet resolved. The county’s payments overall could reach an estimated $25 million in taxpayer money, according to the board referral.

Simitian and Lee asked that a 19-page confidential report by the County Counsel be released to investigating agencies. The report examined an incident in which a severely mentally ill man, Andrew Hogan, while unsecured and without appropriate head-protection gear, banged his head repeatedly

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Flag project recalls internment camps, one signature at a time

Dozens come to Palo Alto to share experiences from dark chapter of American history

By Gennady Sheyner

For Yoshihi Oshima, the memories remain fresh 80 years later.

There was the FBI taking away his father, a farmer who was involved in the local church and the Japanese community. There was the forced evacuation of his family to the Tule Lake camp, one of 10 concentration camps that the United States constructed in 1942 to incarcerate Japanese American residents. There was the reunion with his father a year later in Crystal City, Texas, a more secure camp that was generally reserved for people whom the government deemed to be more threatening.

The Texas camp offered, somewhat paradoxically, more freedom as well as tighter security. Within the camp, residents had more independence. Instead of the common bathrooms and mess halls, families were placed into duplexes or triples. Rather than being forced to eat maton or hash, they were given tokens that they could spend

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The number of Palo Verde residents who identify themselves as “white” has fallen from 2,927 to 2,524 over this period of time, a drop of about 13.8%. But like other tracts throughout the city, it has seen significant growth in its Asian population, which increased from 2,045 to 2,802 between the two censuses, a rise of 37.4% that roughly mirrors the citywide rate.

Data from the 2020 census, which the U.S. Census Bureau released last week for Palo Verde and every other tract, offers a snapshot of a city that continues to undergo steady — if uneven — change. In some areas, populations have remained remarkably flat between 2010 and 2020. Numerous neighborhoods, particularly in the northern half of the city, have seen their numbers stay stable or, in some cases, diminish. Virtually no new housing has been built there over the past decade.

The new data shows that Palo Alto has become increasingly diverse between 2010 and 2020. Palo Alto’s population grew from 64,403 to 68,572 people, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Despite this 6.5% increase in Palo Alto's citywide population, the number of census respondents who identified themselves as “white alone” dropped between 2010 and 2020, going from 41,359 to 34,191 — a decline of 17.5%. For the first time, residents who identified themselves as “white only” made up less than half of the overall population: 49.9%, according to the census.

Meanwhile, the number of those who marked “Asian alone” on their forms went from 17,461 to 24,317 over the 10-year period, a jump of 6,856 people. Asian residents now make up 35% of the city's overall population, a rise from 27% in 2010.

Aging community: The percentage of Palo Alto residents who are 18 or older has risen from 76.5% in 2010 to 78.25% in 2020.

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When it comes to the age of residents, the census numbers also show that, compared with 10 years ago, the proportion of children in Palo Alto declined. Those who are 18 or older made up 78.25% of the overall population in the 2020 count, compared to 76.5% a decade prior.

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Much like a decade ago, it is the neighborhoods south of Oregon Expressway that were at the forefront of change in the city over the past decade. To the north, the population of Old Palo Alto, a wealthy neighborhood between Embarcadero Road and Oregon, has remained nearly the same over the 10-year period, with tract 5114 (which includes Old Palo Alto) adding just 10 new residents between 2010 and 2020.

Similar to other neighborhoods, the number of white residents in Old Palo Alto shrank, dropping from 2,801 to 2,163, while the number of “Asian alone” responses rose from 629 to 1,037. The tract’s population of children has dwindled somewhat: Old Palo Alto residents who are 18 or older made up 74.6% in 2010 and 78.7% in 2020. Similar trends are evident in Crescent Park (tract 5112), which has seen its overall population drop from 4,849 to 4,706 between 2010 and 2020 and its proportion of residents 18 or older go from 72.1% to 76.5%. While the Asian population went up from 773 to 1,123, that was not enough to offset the decreasing number of white residents, which went from 3,718 to 2,949 over the 10-year period.

Census shows limited housing built

Although the city's population grew a modest 6.5% over the 10-year period, (continued on page 33)
Pal Alto City Council member Lydia Kou is accustomed to speaking her mind on local policy issues, from housing to local retail protections. But it’s taken her nearly a year to decide to come forward about a painful criminal case in which she was the target of sexual harassment and a death threat.

She’s doing so now, she said, because hers is a story about how violent political rhetoric is inspiring people to act in ways that have long-lasting consequences. She said she hopes there will be a message for both the perpetrators and victims of harassment.

The phone calls started on Sept. 26, 2020, while Kou was campaigning for her second term on the council. At about 12:30 p.m., during a Zoom meeting, she received five calls in rapid succession. When Kou picked up the phone, a man, later identified by police as Alexander Breya, 29, of Menlo Park, was acting belligerent and made sexual and vulgar remarks.

“I said, ‘I don’t have anything to talk to you about,’ and hung up,” Kou recalled.

Breya proceeded to leave three voicemails, according to a police investigative report. The voicemails were “very disgusting and demeaning,” Kou said during a recent phone interview. “I couldn’t finish listening to them. It makes me feel like rubbish, like dirt, like meat.”

She received a fourth call in which another unknown man asked for donations to a church. At the end of the message, Kou said she heard a laugh in the background. She recognized the laugh as belonging to the man who had left the previous harassing calls, she said.

For nearly two weeks, there was silence. Then, on Oct. 9 at 10:23 p.m., she received five phone calls and a voicemail message.

“I’m back. I’m going to call you until you change your number,” he said. “You deserve to have your throat slit.”

Kou contacted Palo Alto police. On Oct. 10, an investigator tracked the two phone numbers through a police database to two men. The first man denied any knowledge of making the phone calls, but Breya, who answered the second phone, admitted that he had made the calls, according to the police report. He agreed to meet with police the next day because he was intoxicated that night.

Breya was charged with two counts of making annoying and harassing phone calls using obscene language or threats to injure for his volatile words against Kou. On June 9, he pleaded no contest in Santa Clara County Superior Court to one count of the same charge, which is a misdemeanor. Although punishable with a jail sentence, the court ordered him to complete 10 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, 40 hours of community service and to pay $795 in fines and fees. He must also comply with a 100-yard stay away order and not have any contact with Kou, according to court records.

Breya told the police investigator that he had seen a Facebook ad for Kou on Sept. 26, which contained a campaign position he didn’t like. He commented on Kou’s Facebook post and became upset when he thought she had blocked him from further posting on her site. Kou doesn’t recall blocking anyone, she said.

Intoxicated at the time, Breya located a phone number for Kou and made the calls, he told police. He said he asked his friend to leave a “funny message” — the church donations call — for Kou. Regarding the Oct. 9 phone calls, he told police he was too drunk to remember exactly what he’d said but that if he did threaten Kou, he “was just joking.”

Breya told police he was sorry he made Kou feel scared and agreed to stop attempting to contact her, according to the police report. Even though the harassment has ended, Kou said she remains deeply affected by it. At the time, she became concerned her harasser might find her because she was out in public campaigning for council at farmers’ markets last fall. She stopped answering her phone and hesitated to listen to messages, she said. The harassment also affected her real estate business, which in part relies on taking calls from new or referred clients, she said.

When she goes to the grocery store, Kou said, sometimes she still reacts out of fear, looking to make sure no one is stalking her.

“For people making these calls, it’s very unsettling,” she said. “We’re saddened that one person can be so hurt by the words of another.”

Victims of harassing or threatening calls are encouraged to record the conversations and call the police, according to the Palo Alto Police Department.
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Pet owners struggle to find veterinary care for Rover, Boots amid pandemic

A surge in pet adoptions coupled with a nationwide staffing shortage have left veterinarians overloaded

By Zoe Morgan

The phones have been ringing nearly nonstop at Whipple Avenue Pet Hospital in Redwood City, as pet owners scour the area for any available appointments, said veterinarian Alvin Hong.

“During the pandemic ... we’ve been getting so many new puppies and new patients — it’s crazy,” Hong said.

Appointments at Whipple are currently booked out for about a month, with limited first-time, first-visit urgent care spots offered for more immediate needs, Hong said.

Facing a similar influx of patients, Adobe Animal Hospital de- cided back in May to stop taking any new clients and limit walk-ins to emergencies only. The restrictions were an attempt to ensure existing clients could get appointments more quickly, although wait times are still generally a week or more, said Cindy Bily, Adobe’s hospital experience manager, whose job includes fielding concerns from the public.

“We don’t love all the changes that we’ve had to make,” Bily said. “Unfortunately they’re necessary to survive right now and to continue providing veterinary care.”

Staffing shortages

Palo Alto resident Karen Ewart said she and her family decided to get a dog one day last spring, in part because they were boredom-stricken with being stuck at home. Before the pandemic, a new puppy was just something the family discussed; now, it was something they acted on.

“Once the stay-at-home order was lifted,” Ewart said, “we got a dog.”

Ewart says the process of finding a pet was “complicated” and “emotionally draining.” She had been thinking of getting a new dog for a bit, but the process of buying a puppy was never something she had imagined.

“I had to go through so many different options and eventually, I found this puppy,” Ewart said. “It was a bit of a surprise,” said Colohan, who ultimately found an appointment at one of the area’s dozens of veterinary clinics. The troubles stem, veterinarians voice by the ASPCA.

“During the pandemic ... we’ve had to make,” Biby said. “It’s just going to take time to wean ourselves off of this,” La Plume said.

Surge in pet adoptions

Pet adoptions increased dramatically during the pandemic. When Pets In Need, the animal services provider for Palo Alto, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, had to close its shelters last March, staff were able to find foster homes for all of the roughly 150 animals within two days, executive director Al Mollica said.

Over the course of the pandemic, Mollica said an “amazing” number of adoptions have managed to occur, despite health precautions leading to a cumbersome adoption process.

That was pretty extraordinary, that people fought their way through the bureaucracy to adopt those animals,” Mollica said.

Nearly in 5 households nationwide got a dog or cat during the pandemic, according to a May survey by the ASPCA.

Chris Hurt’s family was among that group. The Palo Alto residents brought home Baker, a golden retriever puppy, in May. When Hurt went to schedule Baker an appointment at the vet clinic their other dog goes to, the earliest opening was two weeks away and required seeing a different doctor.

This wasn’t the first time during the pandemic Hurt ran into problems getting veterinary care. Last summer, the family needed to travel at the last minute to visit relatives. Before their dog could be boarded at a kennel, he needed to catch up on a vaccination. Hurt had to call at least five different vets to find someone able to administer the shot within the next couple days. “I’ve never run into anything like this, ever,” said Hurt, who has owned dogs for more than a decade. Delays aren’t just an issue for preventive care like vaccinations. Emergency visits are also taking longer. The emergency room at MedVet, which focuses on emergency and specialty care, is “busier than ever before,” La Plume said.

“We’ve seen so many more patients and have longer wait times,” she said. “It’s unprecedented.”

Before the pandemic, wait times in the emergency room were rarely longer than three hours, according to La Plume. Now, four to six hours is relatively common for pets in stable condition. At times, it’s stretched to eight hours. In certain cases, MedVet has paused accepting any more pets to the emergency room, except those in critical condition.

“We are not overbooked, we are overstaffed,” La Plume said. “People are frustrated.”

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**City shifts gears on business tax**

As Palo Alto advances its effort to bring a business tax to the November 2022 ballot, the City Council is moving toward a consensus on what the tax would look like even as members remain at odds over what exactly it would fund.

On Monday night, the council majority voiced strong support for a tax that would target major commercial companies and that would be based on building square footage. By a 5-1 vote, with Eric Filseth absent and Greg Tanaka dissenting, the council supported a work plan that calls for additional outreach and polling for a business tax, with the expectation that the council will finally adopt the final ballot language by May 2022.

Despite broad consensus over the general contours of the new business tax, council members remain split over some of the details. Vice Mayor Pat Burt noted that Palo Alto is the only city in the region that doesn’t have a business tax and suggested that if it followed the example of East Palo Alto or San Francisco, it could raise tens of millions of dollars annually for programs, services and key infrastructure projects.

Others favored stricter limits on how much would be raised and how the money would be spent. Council member Greer Stone supported reserving the tax revenues from the business tax for key infrastructure projects, including rail grade separations and affordable housing.

The Monday discussion reflected Palo Alto’s changing circumstances since the council last considered the tax in early 2020 before halting its effort due to the economic shutdown triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

After two years of declining revenues and budget cuts, one question that the council has yet to answer is whether the new tax should be used to restore programs cut during the pandemic or to fund long-planned infrastructure projects like grade separations, as initially intended.

— **Gennady Sheyner**

**County prepares for rollout of COVID boosters**

Bracing for a surge in demand for booster shots to protect residents from highly contagious COVID-19 strains, Santa Clara County supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday on a plan to make doses widely available for all people living or working in the county.

The regulatory rules around booster shots are shifting fast, with the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) approving a third dose, or a booster shot, of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines in immunocompromised individuals. The narrow group includes cancer patients and organ transplant recipients, who are at particularly high risk of catching COVID-19 and getting severely ill.

The expectation is that booster shots will soon be approved for use by older adults as well as those who have received the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine, quickly accelerating the demand for vaccines. Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian said there is a renewed interest and urgency for booster shots, and that people are on high alert. New COVID-19 cases in Santa Clara County have spiked to the highest number since late February, and the delta variant — the vast majority of the new cases — is far more contagious.

The plan, which county health officials will craft over the next month, will allow residents to get a booster shot across all county sites, with a “no wrong door” approach, meaning that residents can get a vaccine at county sites regardless of insurance coverage or health care provider.

— **Kevin Forestieri**

**County warns of toxic methamphetamine batch**

There may be an extremely toxic batch of methamphetamine containing fentanyl circulating around Santa Clara County, county prosecutors announced on Aug. 13. In the last three weeks, seven homeless residents in San Jose have suffered fatal overdoses from methamphetamine containing fentanyl.

And from July 9 through Aug. 9, 36 homeless residents died from a drug overdose, more than double the death toll from last year during the same time.

Fentanyl is not only affecting unhoused residents. In Santa Clara County, there have already been 44 confirmed fentanyl deaths, a number certain to rise, prosecutors said. In 2020, there were a total of 88 confirmed fentanyl overdoses, which is a significant rise from the 27 recorded deaths in 2019.

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that is similar to, but 50 to 100 times more potent, than morphine.

It’s often added into other drugs because it takes very little fentanyl to produce a strong high, making it a cheaper option for drug dealers.

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**Pastur Drive, 8/12, 10:14 a.m.; elder abuse/physical**

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**OBITUARIES**

A list of local residents who died recently:

**Paris Collman Jackson**, 21, a former Palo Alto resident and 2018 Palo Alto High School graduate, died on May 27. Ruth C. Satterthwaite, 78, a Palo Alto resident of 50 years, died on July 19.

To read full obituaries, leave remembrances and post photos, go to Lasting Memoirs at PaloAltoOnline.com/obituaries.

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**Paris Collman Jackson**

March 13, 2000 – May 27, 2021

Paris Collman Jackson, a former Palo Alto youth volunteer who donated many hours to help veterans and young children, has passed away. She was 21 years old.

Born on March 13, 2000, in Fresno, California, Collman Jackson moved to Palo Alto at the age of 10. She attended El Carmelo Elementary School, JLS Middle School, and graduated from Palo Alto High School in 2018.

A treasured member of Girl Scout Troop 80693, Paris was known for her initiative, dedication, and kindness in serving others.

“I remember dozens of veterans cheering in the lobby of a VA facility in Menlo Park, all because Paris had come to give them donated Girl Scout cookies,” said her former troop leader, Carrie Manley. “The vets were part of a program for the homeless, and they were were so, so grateful, not just for the cookies, but really for Paris, for her willingness to give and to connect so sincerely.”

In 2019, Paris volunteered as a Summer Learning Buddy, providing literacy tutoring to younger students attending summer school in the Palo Alto Unified School District. “Paris always jumped at the chance to give. She was such a positive role model with a genuine gift for connecting with children,” said Manley. “I was so privileged to work with her, and always so happy to be with her.”

“Paris was such a lovely, kind person to me. I will never forget that,” said Summer Learning Buddies volunteer Andrea Davis.

“I remember working with her and how warm she was to the kids,” said veteran Summer Learning Buddy Rob Schnade. “Even in an environment where everyone was kind, her warmth really stuck out.”

Collman Jackson was also a talented artist, songwriter, and singer. Several of her original compositions are on Youtube, including “Pull Me In With Those Eyes!” and “Perfect Never Ceasing.”

In addition, she was a beloved member of the Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto.

Enrolled at Biola University in La Mirada, California, Collman Jackson took college classes online this past school year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. She was living with family in Savannah, Georgia, at the time of her death.

“I loved her, and I knew she loved me,” said her aunt Vicki Brown, a former Palo Alto resident now living in the East Bay. "Paris was joyful. She had the brightest smile. She was giving, generous, a true friend, all about others. She would always encourage and comfort people.”

Brown said her niece is survived by an extended family including “her parents, siblings, aunts, uncles and grandparents, and friends around the world.”

An online memorial took place Sunday, June 6, at the Peninsula Bible Church, 3005 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto, while family also gathered for services in Savannah, Georgia.

Those wishing to make a donation in remembrance of Paris Collman Jackson are asked to consider giving to www.girlscouts.org/en/adults/donate.html or the youth group at Peninsula Bible Church, https://www.pbc.org/ or Kingdom Voice Productions in Santa Clara, http://www.kingdomvoiceproductions.com/KingdomVoiceProductions/
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Letters

A new Maybell
Editor,

The first day of school signaled a renewal of the morning flow of bicyclists on Maybell Avenue, a “Safe Routes to Schools” artery for students headed to Gunn, Fletcher and Juana Briones schools. The street has been re להיות the sentence that resonated with me was this: ‘It’s not normal to give businesses zero chances to fix these unapparent accessibility problems.’ The fact that this man is going straight to lawsuits demonstrates, as others point out, his real motive: making money and causing problems for people. (Also the law firm’s purpose, evidently.)

Our purpose in life should be to help others. The ADA rules are supposed to do that. But turning them against small businesses with no warning is not helpful. There should be some way in the law to not have to pay fines when no one gave you fair warning but rather to allow time to fix the problem. Sure ‘ignorance of the law is no excuse,’ but as many have pointed out, this past year has made everything difficult, and especially hitting up these small restaurants for their outdoor seating without giving them any chance to fix it, is just plain mean. There’s also the point made by (the business owners) that they don’t recall someone wanting to try to eat there, but instead people coming to measure the spaces. I’d think maybe they should demand proof that the person actually tried to eat there. Such a person should at least have said something to the wait people so that someone would have made a note of it or at least remembered it as a not-everyday occurrence, or the person doing the measuring should have explained what he was doing — that nothing was said proves it was a ‘secret’ plan to attack them. You only spy on those you consider enemies.

Basically, I think this person and the law firm working with him are proving who they really are and what their real intentions are: stopping others.

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When the world splinters after a cataclysmic event, how does a poet, an artist, a dancer or a composer move forward without plunging into hopelessness or wallowing in pessimistic platitudes? Those are questions Paul Celan, a Holocaust survivor, wrestled with through his poetry and composer Matthew Aucoin raises in “The No One’s Rose,” a music, dance and theater piece based on the poems of Celan. Celan, a Romanian-born Jewish poet, survived the Shoah, which claimed the lives of his family. In the postwar years, Celan settled in Paris, creating hundreds of poems in German that grapple with war, blood, death and rebirth. But the ensuing guilt and trauma led him to die by suicide at the age of 50. Aucoin includes three of Celan’s poems in “The No One’s Rose,” which has its world premiere Aug. 25-29 at Stanford’s Bing Concert Hall, presented by American Modern Opera Company (AMOC) in partnership with Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra and Stanford Live.

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The performers are “characters onstage with us as well as music makers,” said Zack Winokur, a trained dancer who co-founded AMOC with Aucoin in 2017 and directs the performance. Just as the separations between dancers, vocalists and instrumentalists are blurred, so are those between performers and audiences. Because of their pandemic experiences, he said, “We are all navigating the same circumstances as those who are watching,” he added in a Zoom interview.

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“Smith agreed, emphasizing the “collaborative” nature of the piece’s development. It “doesn’t just come from a few minds. It comes from the collective imagina- tion in the room.”

Artists making up AMOC’s “collective imagination” are soprano Julia Bullock, countertenor Anthony Roth Costanzo, tenor Paul Appleby and baritone Davöne Tines. In addition to Smith, danc- ers include Or Schraiber, Julia Eichten and Yannis Logothetis. Instrumentalists include GoGwilt, cellist Coleman Irzoff, and percussionist Jonny Allen.

Aucoin, a MacArthur Fellow, is both writer and composer. He was introduced to the work of Celan at Stanford, where he graduated summa cum laude in 2012, majoring in English. At Harvard, he studied conducting. In “The No One’s Rose,” his “original impulse was to juxta- pose Bach with Paul Celan,” contrasting the goodness of God and the universe and the “tonal cer- tainty” in Bach with the uncer- tainty in Celan’s poetry. But his piece, which begins with music from Bach’s “St. Matthew Passion,” continued to take on new directions.

As far as his own music, Aucoin said it “owes a lot more to beloved Bay Area resident John Adams than to some older composers.” That said, the avant-garde AMOC will be performing with the Bay Area-based Philharmonia Ba- roque Orchestra, best known for classical and baroque repertoire, using period instruments.

“I really admire what Philhar- monia Baroque does by introduc- ing new pieces,” Aucoin said. “I don’t see a contradiction. Anybody who writes music for a violin is working with an old instrument.” The “color and texture and blends are a lot of fun to work with.” Be- sides, he said, “I’m literally mar- ried to a baroque musician, bas- soonist Clay Zeller-Townson.”

Now revering while masked at Bing, the cast continues to grapple with the uncertainty and challenges of the pandemic. For Aucoin, if God forbid the perfor- mance at Stanford is put on hold, what happens next?

“In a way, my heaviest lifting is done,” he said. “I can sleep peace- fully at night. I feel the piece will come to life eventually. ‘The No One’s Rose’ will pre- miere Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 25 and 26, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 29, at 2:30 p.m. at Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lausen St., Stanford. Tickets are $15-$225. Visit live.stanford.edu/calend-august-2021/philharmonia-baroque-orchestra. ■

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Beloved Silicon Valley institution
Buck’s of Woodside
goes up for auction as an NFT

What is the digital replica of the quirky restaurant & tech meetup mecca worth? The first bidder says $250,000.

By Sara Hayden

On a Monday morning, Jamis MacNiven — equal parts restaurateur, entrepreneur and teller of (sometimes) tall tales — stood beneath an enormous, leathery anaconda hide that runs the length of the dining room inside his Silicon Valley restaurant, Buck’s of Woodside. There, in a cowboy hat and a bright red, short-sleeve button-down shirt, MacNiven addressed a packed dining room filled with entrepreneurship students who’d just ridden in on a bus from a San Mateo University founded by third-generation venture capitalist Tim Draper.

MacNiven had joked that he was going to “scream the history of Buck’s” to his breakfast audience, an often- invoked spiel that he says is “all just fun. I tell truths and lies in equal amounts.”

His latest announcement — delivered beneath that sprawling serpent skin with a sign that boasts it was stripped from a snake in the Amazon that had attacked a child — also existed somewhere in between fact and fiction: MacNiven was putting Buck’s up for auction.

No, not the actual, physical restaurant at 3062 Woodside Road that’s seen the birth of many a tech company over the years, but its digital dopplegänger, via non-fungible tokens. “We’ve recently launched an NFT,” MacNiven declared. Some of the students responded with a laugh, but it was true — Buck’s was indeed listed on the OpenSea Marketplace as “the world’s first 3D immersive NFT.”

Whoever placed the winning bid for Buck’s NFT on Aug. 19 — the day the auction closed — now owns access to the one and only digital recreation of the restaurant. These days, with something akin to a digital deed on a blockchain database, you can own digital assets like a tweet or an animation. So why not a replica of a near-legendary Silicon Valley institution?

As a place to meet and greet, wheel and deal, Buck’s is a big deal. Indeed, the NFT brochure states that since Buck’s opened its doors at the start of the ’90s, “An invitation to ‘Breakfast at Buck’s’ would go on to become an official step in the high-tech startup funding process.” The practice has even been the subject of a Harvard University study.

The breakfast gathering that morning marked entrepreneur Giuliana Crivello’s first visit to Buck’s, a pilgrimage that was coinciding with a new fund she was launching, supported by Draper. “It feels historical,” she said. “The inner child in me is screaming.”

But when you remove these interactions, and bring Buck’s back solely in pixels, does it hold the same kind of draw?

MacNiven seems to be betting that when treated like a digital museum filled with tech artifacts and lore, preserved at a specific moment in time, Buck’s still has plenty of appeal.

A virtual welcome to Buck’s

On the matter of non-fungible tokens, MacNiven says, “I think I’m an authority now.” He breaks down how it will work for Buck’s: “In this case, there is only one digital copy of this. Once the auction closes, you need a password to see it. You get the keys, and it allows you to unlock the original.”

With the proverbial digital keys, visitors can virtually tour Buck’s at their leisure from a screen, and check out the items and stories that MacNiven has curated and collected over the years.

With a click or tap, viewers go through the doorway at Buck’s, where a replica of the Statue of Liberty greets you. Head around the corner, and you find yourself in the warm glow of a backlit photograph of sculptor Liz Hickok’s “San Francisco in kelso” hanging over a copy of a Playboy magazine in Braille signed by Stevie Wonder (“I met him at a conference once,” MacNiven said; the explanation at the digital Buck’s says it was the Grammy Awards). Near the bar is an Apple 1 computer, hanging over lip-shaped barstools. Pinned to the wall next to the office is a TED Talk pass from Al Gore. Peppered throughout are Little League and family photos, reminders that despite all the celebrities who’ve come to Buck’s, “We’re just a neighborhood joint serving pancakes to kids and...
cowboys and neighborhood folks." Visitors virtually experience all this in "the space somewhere between a video and a still (image)," MacNiven said. They have the details down to the aligator farm-inspired carpet that patrons have trekked over the last three decades. "The process of digitizing wasn't that difficult. You use a camera that flies around, and then it networks the whole series of images together," he said.

All that's missing is the smell of hot coffee and the taste of coffee cake, though surely those aren't too far behind. "This is what happened to photography. When photography came out, it was so revolutionary and so shocking," MacNiven said. "It's the same kind of jump." Making the jump

NFTs certainly have their critics: if digital media can be unlimitedly reproduced, can it retain real value for the buyer? Can the creator of an original work be fairly compensated? What about the environmental impact, what with all the power required to keep it all running?

There's also an element of risk, as with any investment. Physical property could get damaged or lost. For example, the valuable Apple 1 computer model that was on display at the physical Buck's restaurant was removed to help protect it. A digitized version of it is now available via NFT, but even that's not foolproof. An NFT could become inaccessible, should one of its service providers go out of business or change their systems. Or an investment just might not pan out. Still, for some investors, the allure of ownership remains strong enough that the risk is worth stomaching.

For his part, MacNiven said he's never been skeptical about NFTs, though he's thought a lot about them. "I think it's a bold and wonderful experiment to slice up the world. If people want to spend their money on it, that seems OK to me. I'm always searching myself for what's wrong with this," MacNiven said.

A desire to share what Buck's is all about has also motivated MacNiven, especially since he and his wife, Margaret, retired and passed the restaurant reins to their kids in 2020. "I want people to see my collection," MacNiven said. "I've always been a showman. I've been on deck for 30 years and I've stepped back a little bit, but I want to share it with others." With a team of about 16 people from five different companies, preparation for Buck's NFT only took about four months, from capturing the images to signing the token and opening the auction. But inspiration for the project was seeded years prior.

MacNiven used to collect rare books, and he recalls seeing someone pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for a document signed by Spanish monarchs Isabella and Ferdinand in 1492, though many copies were already in circulation. What set it apart was that it was an original. MacNiven has noted countless similar examples since then.

"Somebody paid real money for it, to own the original," MacNiven said. "I'm sure NFTs started popping up, I followed them as an interesting curiosity. Then I realized they were very real." What it's worth

While Buck's team kept orange juice flowing and cooked up hot plates of pancakes and eggs for the students and other customers, MacNiven checked his watch to see if it was time to pick up his grandchild. It wasn't a smartwatch, though Apple co-founder Steve Jobs looked out through a mustatched pair of funny glasses from a black-and-white portrait on the wall.

Instead, it was a digital watch, blinking back numbers in a liquid crystal display. The timepiece, like so many of the objects in Buck's, seemed both nostalgic and somehow, well, timeless. And maybe NFTs will turn out to be equally so, the pendulum of innovation swinging back to something very basic.

"This desire of humans to possess stuff is a durable idea that we've had throughout history. But now, because of the internet, you've got the digital world, and people want to possess things there," MacNiven said.

As of Tuesday, Aug. 17, the top bid was $329,575.05, a nearly $80,000 increase from the initial bid from a friend who offered up a not-so-tiny $250,000 to "set the tone." MacNiven said he'd also call on another friend for help in the hopes of reaching their nearly 59 million followers on Twitter: "Elon (Musk) is a friend. I'm going to say 'Guess what Elon. I need a hand.'"

After the NFT auction, MacNiven and his family will maintain access to the physical Buck's and keep it open to patrons. He expects that whoever places the winning NFT bid will do likewise, and keep the digital Buck's open to the public too — though that will be entirely at their discretion, as the holder, and buyer, of the digital keys.

Making history

At the conclusion of his presentation, several students rushed up to MacNiven to take selfies with him, and also to get his take on their startup ideas. Many jetted around with phone cameras, snapping pics of a silver disc that commemorated the first million downloads for iTunes in its first week in 2003, and tables where historic deals took place for Tesla, PayPal, eBay, Hotmail and more. "Where's the Apple 1? I need to get a picture of that," one student said. Another said that he'd bid on MacNiven's NFT once his own company takes off. So what then is the digital form of Buck's worth?

Time will tell. But if nothing else, MacNiven said, "This is just a fun experiment. ... How could we preserve the historical record, and show the majesty that we've created here over the years? That's really what it's about."

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In ‘Free the Curls,’ girl learns that retailers keep products for her hair type locked up

By Kate Bradshaw

Marissa McGee, a former elementary school teacher, was out shopping for shampoo one day when she saw something that bothered her. The experience would later spur her to craft a children’s book about it. At this chain retailer, Black hair care products were kept locked up on the shelf.

It was wash day, and a simple errand to pick up shampoo now required her to flag down an employee for help. Curious, she said she noticed that it was only the Black hair care products that were kept under lock and key.

When she found an employee and asked why the Black hair care products were locked up, she was told that the products were “not just products for your people.”

Yet the faces on the packaging were of Black individuals, she noticed.

She went to several other of the store’s locations around the Bay Area, then one in Washington, D.C., and saw the same thing. Only the hair care products traditionally used for Black hair — including those labeled for “multi-ethnic” or “textured” hair — were kept locked up. Not every location did this, but a majority of the ones she visited did, she said in a blog post.

A Black woman and her daughter who were also looking for products for their hair at the Washington, D.C., retailer overheard her conversation with a sales associate and said they’d noticed the same thing.

“To me, that was a turning point,” she said. As a woman in her 30s, she had her own feelings about the situation, but she began to think about what was going on through the young girl’s mind to see products for her hair type locked up.

She reached out to the retailer’s corporate headquarters and, in February 2020, wrote a blog post about her research.

She explained in her blog that part of why the practice felt discriminatory was in what it implied: “By locking up these specific products, the implication is that people who purchase these products steal. My hunch is that African American people buy these specific products at a higher rate than people from other backgrounds. Therefore, locking up these products perpetuates stereotypes about a specific group of people,” she wrote.

In addition, it can be uncomfortable as a shopper to be watched by the store employee while selecting the desired product, and can create pressure to rush to pick an item, she said in her blog.

The retailer that McGee wrote about is one of several that have recently announced their plans to discontinue the practice. Walmart, CVS and Walgreens all announced in June 2020 that they planned to stop locking up the products, during a time when many companies were facing heightened scrutiny over racial bias.

McGee said she kept thinking about the little girl she’d met at the store where products for hair like hers was kept locked up.

“To me, this was a practice rooted in discrimination,” she said.

What emerged was a narrative about an inquisitive 6-year-old girl named Maliyah who goes with her mom to buy shampoo when they notice that products for her hair type are locked up. Readers will have to get a copy to learn what happens next: “Maliyah and her mom must decide — buy the products or take a stand?” the book’s website says.

McGee said she had complet ed the story and was letting the manuscript sit for a few months when she met with one of her high school mentors, who encouraged her to share the manuscript with her and another author.

“After that, the ball started rolling,” McGee said. After sharing it with a few friends who were supportive, she said that she began to think, “Maybe I do have something here.”

Through one of the social media groups she belongs to, she found an illustrator. The illustrator’s first sketch of the main character, she said, brought tears to her eyes. “I was like, this is her. This is the character in my head.”

McGee has used the crowdfunding website Kickstarter to self-publish the book, and is planning to have copies of the books prepared by January.

The Kickstarter-funded children’s book “Free the Curls” by Marissa McGee features as its protagonist a girl named Maliyah, an inquisitive 6-year-old who loves to read books and watch cartoons.

One of the promotions she set up for Kickstarter supporters asks people to buy a book for themselves and support the donation of a classroom copy to a school in East Palo Alto or Oakland.

By mid-July, there were about 150 books earmarked for students in East Palo Alto and a total of about 900 copies pre-ordered, she said. She plans to spend time in East Palo Alto classrooms doing virtual and in-person visits, leading lessons and conversations with students about the book.

McGee launched the Kickstarter campaign on her birthday this year and so far has raised more than $13,000 in support of the book and her mission to bring it to the community, she said.

“I think the Kickstarter was successful because we’re finally acknowledging the elephant in the room and finally starting to have courageous conversations about racism,” she said.

She said she’s motivated to give back to the community of East Palo Alto in particular because the community shaped her.

“I will be forever indebted to East Palo Alto,” she said. “It made me the person that I am.”

“It’s such a vibrant community of people who are doing amazing things — so I just want to give back to a community that’s given so much to me,” she said.

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Book Talk

DEMOCRACY’S WORST ENEMY — Prominent Republican defense attorney Tom Nichols is scheduled to join Angie Coiro, host of Kepler’s Literary Foundation’s This is Now series, to talk about democracy and his latest book “Our Own Worst Enemy” at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 26. Nichols advocates vocally against obstructive partisanship, and in doing so has made friends (and ruffled feathers) across the political spectrum. In his latest book, he speaks out once again to challenge the notion of political identity during a time when everyday Americans have drifted toward a dangerously authoritarian worldview just to shut down the other side. The event is virtual. To RSVP, go to keplers.org.

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in a transport van, causing an incapacitating brain injury.

The board also supported the release of other confidential documents, videos and information about the Department of Correction to investigating agencies.

During a nearly hourlong press conference on Tuesday morning, Smith defended her office’s progress in jail reform. She flatly said she would not resign, despite San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo’s call for her resignation on Monday.

“Since there continues to be a lot of speculation and inferences, I welcome any and all investigations. It really is important to have experts provide an in-depth review of some of the things that have been stated so we can get the true facts,” she said.

Smith added that since Simitian and Lee allege federal, constitutional and civil rights violations, there should be an investigation by the FBI in addition to those called for by Simitian and Lee. While Smith supports the called-for investigation, the only caveat would be releasing gruesome videos of Hogan’s incident, she said. Publicly airing the videos could be traumatic for Hogan and his parents.

A plea for psychiatric beds
At the press conference, Smith introduced Paula Canny, the defense attorney who represented Hogan. Canny spoke emphatically in support of Smith and the jail staff. The sheriff’s office is hamstrung by the systemic failure of the county to offer services and psychiatric hospital beds, Canny said. Severely mentally ill people who are accused of low-level misdemeanors can’t be properly treated in jail, she added. She does not fault the sheriff or her staff.

“We have a fundamentally broken system,” Canny said. She blamed a lack of services and judges and district attorneys who charge and incarcerate severely mentally ill people. Jails become default treatment beds, she said.

Another of her clients was Michael Tyree, who was waiting for a treatment bed in 2015 while in the Main Jail for a low-level misdemeanor. He became combative and was beaten to death by three jail guards, Mathew Farris, Jerah Lubrin and Rafael Rodriguez. The officers were convicted of second-degree murder in that case; the county paid out $3.6 million in a lawsuit settlement.

Smith initiated a prompt investigation into the Tyree murder.

“She is responsible for that prosecution,” Canny said.

“I have found Sheriff Smith to be super responsive,” she added.

Canny said a lack of funding is the real culprit behind violent jail incidents. Of the county’s roughly 2,500 people who are incarcerated in the jails, about 80% are pretrial detainees and more than 25% suffer serious mental health issues, and yet, there’s no place to put them, she said.

“I’m surprised more things don’t happen. The sheriff should not be tasked to treat mentally ill people. Mental health isn’t a criminal justice issue; it’s a public health issue,” she said.

Santa Clara County has 246 mental health beds to serve its population of nearly 2 million and needs another 960 beds to meaningfully address the issue, she said.

On Tuesday, the supervisors also directed staff to investigate what mental health services are provided in the jail and add the Department of Justice to the list of investigating agencies to receive the information.

A matter of financial resources
Smith also put the onus for the custody problems on the county, which she said has reduced her budget. The county demolished the Main South Jail off of San Pedro Street in summer 2020 and the facility has yet to be replaced. The sheriff’s office is proposing a new 500-cell jail on the site at an estimated cost of $380 million to $390 million.

Last October, then-Supervisor Dave Cortese noted that COVID-19 restrictions led the county to reduce its inmate intake through other out-of-custody programs, a model that, if successful, could scrap the county jail system. Instead, the county could consider investing in mental health facilities and services, including a treatment center run by health officials instead of the sheriff’s office. Smith said that the dearth of appropriate facilities for mentally ill inmates remains a desperate problem.

Smith pushed back on claims that she “squandered” $450 million due to multiple lawsuits and two consent decrees requiring public money to improve jail conditions and operations. Of that sum, $162 million was spent by the county on construction projects, particularly to make the jail facilities compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Another $68 million went for custody health services. The sheriff’s office received $21 million of the $450 million, but it has had to reduce its staffing since 2019 by 133 employees.

“We are severely understaffed,” she said, adding it poses a danger to staff and inmates.

Smith said the sheriff’s office has made some important jail reforms as a result of following its conditions of the two consent decrees, particularly related to ADA-compliance and the use of solitary confinement. In 2015 and 2016, more than 100 people were in solitary confinement. Today, there are just 10. Only inmates who pose an extreme danger are housed in solitary units, she said.

Based on the terms of a consent decree that arose out of the Cole v. County of Santa Clara anti-disability discrimination lawsuit, the sheriff’s office created a new ADA-compliant policy, gave staff ADA training, created an ADA-grievance process, made structural ADA-compliant improvements and created a tracking system to monitor and report on all ADA-related inmate accommodations and needs.

The sheriff’s office also started a system for use-of-force grievances, implicit bias and crisis intervention training and a system through which incidents are evaluated by the internal affairs unit, jail crimes unit and federal use-of-force monitors. The sheriff’s office also developed a process to identify and investigate behavior that fails under the Prison Rape Elimination Act. The sheriff’s office met all 45 standards that were audited during the last audit cycle regarding sexual assaults in the jails.

 Asked to identify the office’s shortcomings, Smith said it has to do with change.

“Change is not as quick as I would like it to be. Culture change takes a while,” she said. “It never feels like I’ve done enough.”

The contract that gave the sheriff control over jail operations expires next year. Management could change back to the Department of Correction, Supervisor Susan Elsenberg noted.

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Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith takes questions from reporters on Tuesday, Aug. 17, while her jail staff looks on.

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decade, its housing growth did not keep pace. Palo Alto added 688 units, or 2.4%, to bring its overall housing stock to 28,904, according to census data.

In some tracts, the quantity of housing actually decreased: Crescent Park lost 18 housing units between the two census counts, going from 1,866 in 2010 to 1,848 in 2020.

Although the city’s population grew a modest 6.5% over the decade, its housing growth did not keep pace. Palo Alto added 688 units, or 2.4%, to bring its overall housing stock to 28,904, according to census data.

Crescent Park wasn’t the only north Palo Alto neighborhood, however, that has failed to contribute to the city’s much talked about housing shortage. Despite the City Council’s efforts to encourage more residential construction in the transit-friendly, service-rich downtown area — a key goal of the city’s Comprehensive Plan and numerous zoning reforms — even neighborhoods closest to downtown’s commercial core have seen a dearth of new housing. The neighborhoods of Downtown North and University South (tracts 5113.02 and 5113.01, respectively) collectively saw a net total of 18 new residences between 2010 and 2020, according to census data.

Even in areas that have seen more housing growth, construction has been relatively modest when compared to the council’s goals. Tract 5117.05, which includes portions of College Terrace, Stanford Research Park and Stanford University, shows 186 new residences between 2010 and 2020, an increase driven largely by Stanford’s recent construction of faculty housing in the area.

Outside Stanford, the biggest contributor to the city’s housing stock has been Ventura, which is in some ways the polar opposite of Crescent Park. The population of tract 5107, which includes Ventura and Charleston Meadows, increased by about 15% between 2010 and 2020, and the area added 222 housing units.

The census information released Thursday is the federal agency’s first batch of data pertaining to the 2020 census. The data is used to, among other things, redraw congressional, legislative and local district boundaries and determine the amount of funding jurisdictions get for health care, infrastructure and other spending priorities. The agency plans to release more detailed data, including household statistics, in the coming months. •

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About the cover: Newly released Census data showed Palo Alto’s population expanding by 6.5% between 2010 and 2020, led by strong growth in the local Asian community. Photos by Magali Gauthier, Sammy Dalal, Veronica Weber. Cover design by Douglas Young.

How Palo Alto’s racial diversity has changed
Comparing U.S. Census Bureau data from 2000, 2010 and 2020

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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to buy food at the camp market and cook their own meals. Any sense of freedom, however, was fleeting. Crystal City, which was operated by the Department of Justice, had tighter security than most camps, which were run by the Department of the Interior. Oshima recalls the 10-foot-high barbed-wire fences, the guard tower and the mounted police who patrolled the camp.

“Every day, they took headcounts of all occupants in the camp,” Oshima said.

Oshima, 94, was 15 years old when his family was forced to relocate from his hometown of Isleton in Sacramento County in 1942. They lost everything, he said, and ended up moving to Japan once the war ended.

The move was particularly hard on his father. “He didn’t have any other place to go,” Oshima said. “And my mother was not doing too well, and she wanted to go back to Japan because she considered herself a burden to her family.”

Despite the losses his family suffered, Oshima felt no bitterness toward the American government. In Japan, he served the United States occupational force before enrolling in the U.S. Army, served in the Korean War, attended university of California at Berkeley, enrolled in the U.S. Army, served in the Korean War, attended university of California at Berkeley, and got a job at Hewlett Packard, from which he retired in 1990.

The Mountain View resident was one of dozens of former camp internees who gathered at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple on Sunday afternoon to recall their experience in places like the Topaz camp in Utah; Minidoka, Idaho; and Rohwer, Arkansas—places that many people haven’t even heard of. Now in their 80s and 90s, they were children between 1942 and 1946, when the camps were operational. Some remembered their parents’ pain at being uprooted from their homes; others recalled their happier childhood moments.

‘They had their lives ripped away from them ... without due process of law.’
— Johnny Cepeda Gogo, Santa Clara County Superior Court judge

Yoko Kawamura, who was 6 years old when her family was relocated from Stockton to the Rohwer War Relocation Center in Arkansas, recalled running through the forest, carving whistles and roller-skating on the smooth floor of the communal laundry room. She also remembered the cramped conditions, with her family of eight confining to two rooms separated by a hanging sheet, the centralized bathrooms, the wire fences and the guard towers.

Kawamura’s father served as the block manager and planned social activities such as dances for other camp residents to keep the morale higher. Once out of the camp, he opened a gas station to support the family.

“They made the best of the situation,” Kawamura said.

Menlo Park native Frank Sagawara, who spent some of his high school years in Topaz, similarly recalled his family’s struggles, which contrasted with his relatively normal high school experience at the camp.

“What our parents had to go through was completely different. They were removed from their homes; they lost their jobs and were put into camps and pretty much lost their livelihood. It was a big question for them, not knowing what the United States was going to do with them,” Sasagawa said.

The Sunday event was the brainchild of Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Johnny Cepeda Gogo, who has been traveling around the country and inviting former camp internees to sign one of two U.S. flags. He began the project in March, when former Rep. Mike Honda, who represented the south bay congressional district, became the first person to sign a flag. Honda had been interned at the Amache camp in Colorado.

Since then, more than 500 people have signed the flag, including the actor George Takei (who was interned at the Rohwer and Tule Lake camps), and the more than 60 people who registered for the Sunday event in Palo Alto.

The number of signatures will increase in the coming months, as Gogo takes his two 48-star flags from Stockton to Minidoka, Idaho, San Diego, San Jose and San Francisco as part of a tour that includes visits to other former camps and the West Coast internment camp. He plans to donate the flags on Jan. 30, also known as Fred Korematsu Day, which is named after the civil rights leader who defied the internment order and sparked a U.S. Supreme Court battle. One of his two flags will go to the Japanese American Museum in San Jose. He is working with the National Japanese American Museum in Los Angeles on the second flag.

And with the number of signatures exceeding his expectations, he is already planning to go to other internment camps, and possibly a fourth.

Gogo said he became interested in raising awareness of the internment camps several years ago after he met Fred Korematsu’s daughter, Karen Korematsu, while doing community outreach to promote Fred Korematsu Day. In 2019 and 2020, he began to think of new ways to both raise awareness and to honor survivors of what he calls “prison camps.”

“There was barbed wire and guard towers and armed soldiers keeping them on the perimeter. It’s a custodial prison,” Gogo said. “They had their lives ripped away from them — their businesses, their schools, their livelihood, their social lives — ripped away without due process of law. They were in prison from 1942 to 1946, and the losses — the older generation — had it the hardest because of the stress of having to try to still provide for their families and try to keep their teenagers’ lives as normal as possible to the extent that they could.”

In addition to honoring those who went through the camps, Gogo wants the experience to serve as a lesson about not taking constitutional rights for granted. The U.S. has come close several times to repeating its mistakes from the 1940s in recent decades, most recently when former President Donald Trump considered a “Muslim ban” — a policy that relied on the same type of racist hysteria and failure of leadership that contributed to the establishment of the camps nearly 80 years ago, Gogo said.

“What I hope people learn is that as we as American citizens have to vigilant in protecting our constitutional rights because, as we’ve seen during World War II, the government made a decision to bypass the Constitution and mass incarcerate over 120,000 Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals in the United States, primarily on the West Coast, without the due process of law,” Gogo said.

Some former camp inmates never recovered their losses. Taz Kawano, a Palo Alto resident, was 6 years old when the FBI placed her father in a Sacramento jail. The rest of the family was relocated to the Tule Lake Assembly Center, where her mother died. The siblings were then reunited with their father and taken to the Gila River camp in Arizona.

Others were able to resume their lives — or build new ones — after the camps were decommissioned.

Sunday’s event was an encouragement to Kawano. Many people, she said, have little knowledge about the internment camps.

“In high school, I had a history teacher who talked about it, and there were so many kids who never heard of it. They all turned around and stared at me, and I felt like slumping under the chair,” Kawano said.

She recalled how resourceful her father was on leaving camp. At a time when food was being rationed, he acquired pigeons and geese to sustain the family. Later he got chickens and worked at a nursery, where he grew vegetables. At the same time, he rarely discussed his experiences in the internment camp.

Kawano said she felt gratified by Gogo’s project and by the large number of people who showed up to sign the flag.

“I think the younger generation is more proactive when it comes to justice,” Kawano said. “We were pretty passive. Maybe because our parents didn’t talk about it much.”

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CityView
A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (Aug. 16)
280 Lambert Ave.

The council held a pre-screening session to discuss the “planned home” zoning proposal for 49 condominiums at 280 and 300 Lambert Ave. Yes: Unanimous
Tax: The council agreed to move ahead with exploring a business tax based on square footage and approve a work plan for additional polling and analysis.
Yes: Burt, Cormack, Dubblos, Kou, Stone No: Tanaka Absent: Filath
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He didn't have enough courage to face me,” she said. According to One County District Attorney Sheryl Leung, the case’s prosecutor, many misdemeanors don't require the defendant to be present in the court as the attorney is in town.

Leung also said these kinds of stranger-harassment cases typically don't receive jail time — particularly if the defendant doesn't have a criminal record. His conduct, while inexcusable, didn’t rise to the level of “criminal threats,” she said. To meet that standard, the victim must be in immediate fear of their life. According to the police report, Kou said she was not in immediate fear since she was at home at the time and wasn't leaving her residence.

San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe, however, said that his office is still reviewing the case for jail time in most misdemeanor harassment cases, particularly if threats are involved. Some judges won't choose a misdemeanor defendant a jail sentence but rather mete out community service, but it is up to the judge’s discretion, he said.

Shelley Dwyer, Breya’s attorney, said on Aug. 11 that she couldn’t comment on the case, citing attorney-client privilege.

In an email to the Weekly, Breya said he was sorry for his actions.

“First of all, I’ve felt awful about this from the moment I found out what I said to her. I know alcohol is confusing and it tempted me to make this mistake right for the last 10 months,” he said. “When the police contacted me and I immediately and fully cooperated. I took full responsibility for my actions and recorded a statement with a full apology in all the proper forms, to apologize to her directly and was told by the police that I should not do this. I have respected that advice. But to be honest, I was very sorry and embarrassed about what I did. It was an awful voicemail, but I certainly never intended to hurt her or cause her any kind of distraught.”

He said he attended AA meetings, performed his community service, and followed the proper proposed fines, all of which were completed in July.

Asked about Breya’s claim of a statement by the Palo Alto police officer acting Lt. Brian Philip said the department doesn’t comment on investigative material. The Police report cited by Breya notes the apology was part of the recording made of the police interview with Breya, and it was recorded on the officer’s body-worn camera. There is no indication that a separate recording of an apology was made specifically to Kou.

Kou said she didn’t receive anything from the police nor did the officers tell her that Breya had apologized.

Breya said his actions have had real consequences, including the inability to seek full-time work while he performed his community service. He is now concerned that news about this case will make it difficult or impossible for him to find work. He asked through this news organization for Kou to give him a chance to get his life back in order. He claimed the statement being read to her over the phone this week, Kou began to cry. She said that while she understands Breya’s predicament, his actions have made a long-lasting impact. People who are new to the community know they aren’t alone. As a community leader, she hopes she can inspire victims to take action and believe that they can make a difference.

“I don’t think anybody can understand the level of threat each person feels. For women going through this, it’s important to talk about it. It is healing.”

The Palo Alto Police Department encourages harassment victims to contact them. Although they can, Palo Alto police Acting Captain James Reifschneider said: Make screenshots of emails; save voicemail messages. Although in California, one party can’t record a conversation without the agreement and knowledge of the other party, an exception is made when documenting a crime, he said. Although victims might be hesitant to contact the police, Reifschneider advised that they should notify the department sooner rather than later.

“Don’t be afraid of calling us,” he said.

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Decertify officers

Assembly, and on July 13, the Assembly Public Safety Committee voted 6-2 to support the legislation. Yet its fate remains uncertain. On Thursday, the Assembly’s powerful Appropriation Committee moved the bill, along with dozens of other bills, to a legislative purgatory of sorts where hundreds of bills await either consideration at a future date or a quiet death without a vote. If the bill makes it to the Assembly floor, it would lose its infamous status as one of only four states that does not have a process for decertifying officers. Democrats in the state Senate were much more likely to support the legislation, easily overriding Republican opposition. In describing the bill to his colleagues before the Senate vote, Bradford emphasized that SB 2 is not an “anti-police” bill but an “anti-crap” bill. He noted that almost 1,000 people across the nation have been killed by police officers since the murder of Floyd. “It is unacceptable that officers can commit misconduct in one department and simply move to another without any repercussions,” Bradford noted said at the May 26 hearing. “This is not fair to the community, not fair to victims of police abuse, and, most importantly, unfair to the majority of police officers working every day by the book, who put on that uniform, pin on that badge and do it in an honorable and respectful way.”

Even without the Senate’s vote, however, the bill’s fate remains far from certain. Numerous Democrats who voted for the bill criticized the composition of the nine-member board that would have the power to recommend amendments to this portion of the legislation. They also reserved the right to vote against the bill after it clears the Assembly — presumably with some changes — and returns to the Senate for reconciliation.

The legislation designates two seats on the board for police officers or former police officers, one of whom would have experience at command rank and another with experience in internal investigations or disciplinary proceedings involving officers. Two seats would go to members of nonprofits or academic institutions that deal with issues relating to police accountability and two others would go to members of community groups that are organizations involved in police accountability. The panel would also include two members who have been “subject to wrongful use of force likely to cause death or serious bodily injury by a peace officer” or who are surviving family members of a person killed by the wrongful use of deadly force by an officer, according to the legislation. And it would include an attorney with experience in police oversight.

Sen. Dave Min was among those who suggested that the composition of the board is skewed heavily against officers. Seven of the nine members, he argued, would have “some kind of predisposition to perhaps being opposed to the police.”

“For those of you who are attorneys in this room, if you saw a jury made up with three quarters of people who have that experience in their lives or some personal experience that made them predisposed against that, I think you would find that that’s a problem.”

At a recent meeting of police chiefs, Wagstaffe said there wasn’t a dispute on the concept of decertification, but there were concerns regarding methodology. Dan Steidle, president of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs and Sheriff’s Association and Chief of the Pacifica Police Department, said the association doesn’t take political positions, but speaking as a police chief, he thinks that in the proper format, it’s good to have a way to decertify bad cops.

“Chief wagstaffe said that “even with recent amendments to the bill, the system does not have a process for decertifying officers. He suggested that the composition of the board be changed to reflect this. "It would include an attorney with experience in police oversight," he said. "And it would be well-balanced between officers and community members.""
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