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CONFEDERATE FLAG

Could City Hall fly battle flag?

Fresno council to debate ban
on city officials displaying
battle flag on city property

Proposal from council
president would honor South
Carolina shooting victims

Baines calls the flag a symbol
of hatred and oppression

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The Fresno City Council
president vows the Confeder-
ate battle flag will never legal-
ly fly over Fresno City Hall.

Not that it's ever likely to
happen. Not that it's ever
happened as far as City Hall
veterans can recall.

Council President Oliver
Baines today is proposing a
law that would prohibit the
city from displaying or selling
the Confederate battle flag.
The law would not apply to
private organizations or indi-
viduals.

California lawmakers last
year passed a similar law that
applies to state government
agencies. The Confederate



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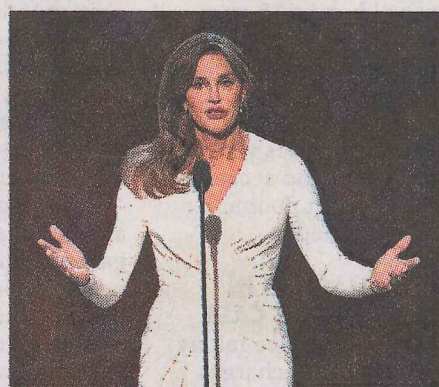
Baines' proposal comes about a month after the murders of nine African-Americans at a historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina. Authorities have called it a racist attack.

Photos have emerged of the suspect, Dylann Storm Roof, posing with a Confederate flag.

Baines said the tragedy in South Carolina is the driving force behind his proposal.

The tragedy "has broadened into a national discus-

SEE FLAG, 2A



ESPYS

JENNER EMOTIONAL RECEIVING AWARD

Caitlyn Jenner accepted the Arthur Ashe Courage Award with a mixture of happiness and tears. In her first public appearance as a transgender woman, the famous athlete formerly known as Bruce Jenner said: "Just a few months ago I had never met anyone who was like me." **Sports, 2C**

PROTESTS IN GREECE HEAT UP



EMILIO MORENATTI Associated Press

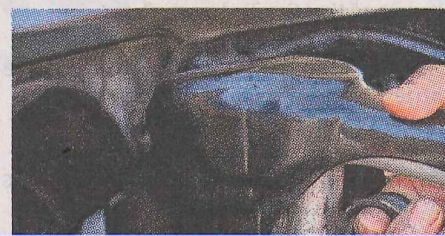
Riot police officers run away from fire as anti-austerity protesters throw petrol bombs during clashes Wednesday in Athens. Greek lawmakers voted overwhelmingly early today to approve a harsh austerity bill demanded by European Union bailout creditors. **Story, Page 5A**



CAMPUS POINT

SHOPS BY FRESNO STATE OPEN

Fresno State and Campus Pointe's developer will celebrate the long-delayed center's official grand opening Friday evening. **Insight, 1B**





Beach Hut Deli, left, and Mad Duck, right, are some of the eateries opening at Campus Pointe.

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Doubt cast in spying case

BY ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The brother of Ethel Rosenberg, who was a star trial witness against his sister and brother-in-law in a sensational Cold War atomic spying case, never implicated his sister in an earlier appearance before a grand jury and said that they had never discussed her role "at all," according to secret court records unsealed Wednesday.

The revelation may heighten public suspicion that Ethel Rosenberg was wrongly convicted and executed in an espionage case that captivated the country at the height of McCarthy-era frenzy about Communist allegiances.

Rosenberg and her husband, Julius, were put to death in 1953 after being convicted of conspiring to pass secrets about the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union, though they maintained their innocence until the end.

Historians and lawyers who reviewed the transcript said it appears to lend support to both sides of a dueling narrative — that Ethel Rosenberg was framed in an overzealous prosecution even as her husband appears to have played a central role in a sophisticated spy ring.

"You change a black-and-white Cold War narrative — framed or traitors? — into a very nuanced, gray area. Well, both," said Tom Blanton, director of the National Security Archive at George Washington University, which fought for the records.

The grand jury testimony from David Greenglass, whose statements at the 1951 trial helped secure the Rosenbergs' convictions, had been withheld from public view even as other court records have been unsealed in the last decade. A federal judge in New York, responding to requests from a group of historians and archivists, ordered the transcript unsealed following Greenglass' death last year.

The newly unsealed transcript presents Julius Rosenberg as a critical figure in an espionage operation that involved shady operatives, code names and even a secret signal to help identify couriers for the Russians.

Greenglass told the grand jury how Julius Rosenberg pressed him for secrets and discussed with him the construction and detonation of the atomic bomb. Historians believe Ethel Rosenberg was generally aware of

SEE ROSENBERG, 3B

NEW ENTERTAINMENT HUB

Fresno State's Campus Pointe

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businesses have signed leases at Campus Pointe

The spotlight at Fresno State's Campus Pointe shifts Friday from the recently opened Maya Cinemas to the development's first wave of retail tenants that finally are ready to go after more than a year of construction and a decade of planning.

Cold Stone Creamery and cell phone repair and accessory store ScreenWorks are expected to be open, the development company said. Mad Duck Craft Brewing Co., a restaurant and brewery, opened July 9. Beach Hut Deli has been operating since June 22. Still to come are Wahoo's, Pieology, Yogurtland and eight other businesses.

The retailers, stymied by a long state permitting process, have slowly opened one by one since May, starting with the 2,700-seat movie theater complex. The university and the developer will celebrate the center's official grand opening 4 to 7 p.m. Friday with special guests, giveaways and more.

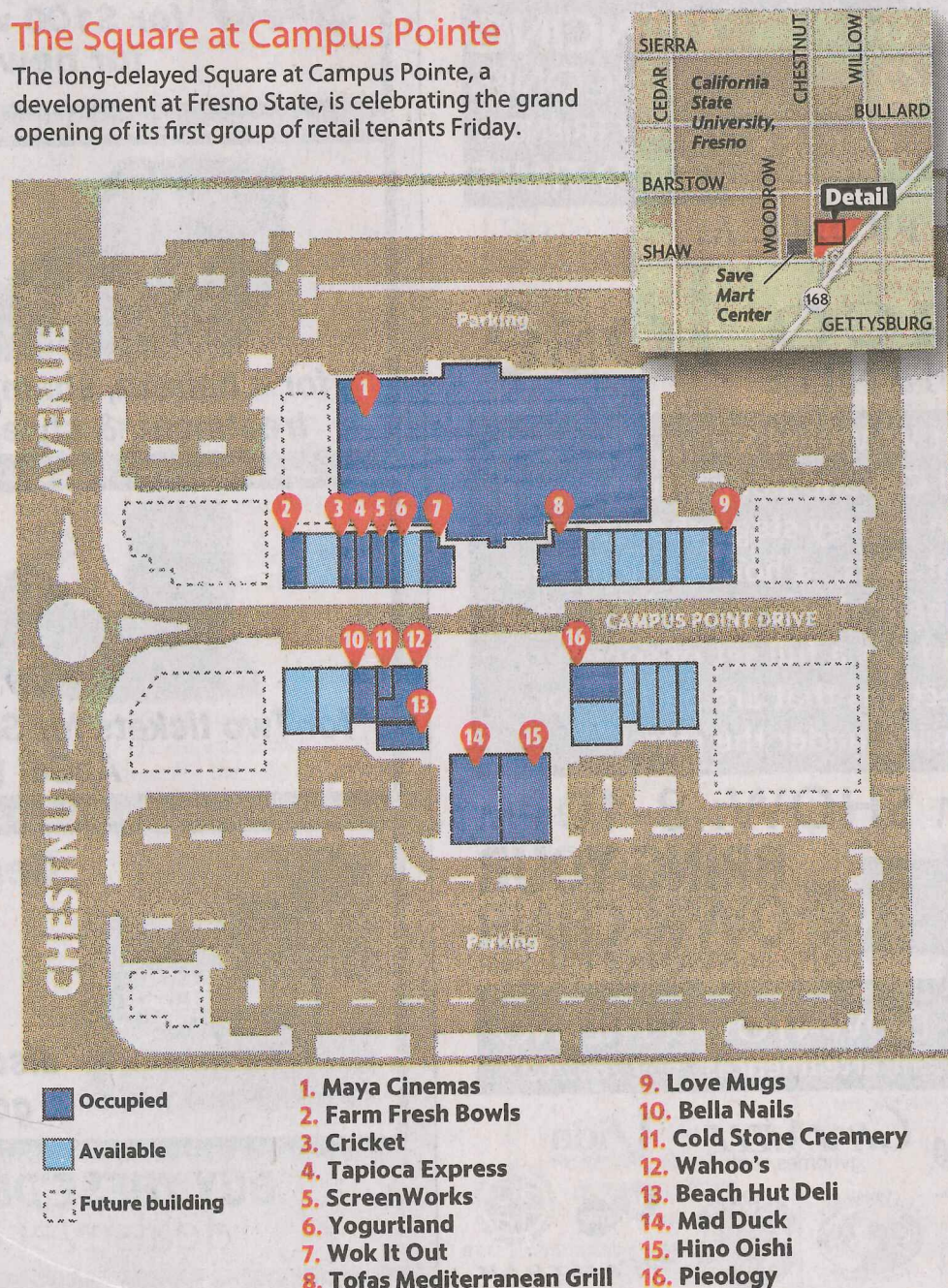
"It's so great to finally see this happen," said Tracy Kashian of Lance-Kashian & Co., the Fresno developer. "The permits were pulled in 2004. It's been a long struggle and a long time coming."

The \$250 million joint project, east of the Save Mart Center at Shaw and Chestnut avenues, is the largest mixed-use public and private partnership in the California State University system, Fresno State President Joseph Castro has said.

The university owns the land. Lance-Kashian & Co. is developing it. Fresno state officials have said

The Square at Campus Pointe

The long-delayed Square at Campus Pointe, a development at Fresno State, is celebrating the grand opening of its first group of retail tenants Friday.



SEE OPENING, 2B

Source: Lance-Kashian & Company

The Fresno Bee

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OPENING

that the project would generate \$1 million a year from its ground lease to help pay off debt from the \$103 million Save Mart Center construction and to support agriculture programs. About \$62 million remains on the Save Mart debt.

More and more schools are looking at joint developments as a way of generating money on underutilized parcels of land and minimizing risk, said Larry Kosmont, an adviser with The Counselors of Real Estate and president of Kosmont Companies, a Los Angeles real-estate consulting company.

It's also a way to engage students and the public.

"Universities have student unions and typical places of congregation for academic activities," but not necessarily to socialize, Kosmont said. "It's a way to expand and provide amenities that improve the quality of life for students and the university."

But Campus Pointe's road to development hasn't been easy. On top of the typical planning delays were the economic downturn and a lawsuit filed in 2007 by Sierra Vista Mall in Clovis — which has its own movie theater.

Developer Ed Kashian struck a deal with former California State University trustee Moctesuma Esparza

Campus Pointe Grand Opening

When: 4 to 7 p.m. Friday

Where: Shaw and Chestnut avenues

In 2011, an appellate court gave the project the go-ahead to proceed.

Esparza, who has not been on the board of trustees since 2007, ultimately opened the theater in the heart of Campus Pointe overlooking a palm tree-lined, grassy area with free Wi-Fi known as "The Square."

"We want people to hang here," Tracy Kashian said. "That's why the grass is here — to sit and be that college type of feel."

The Square is flanked by restaurants, some open and others still under construction, offering everything from made-to-order pizzas to sushi, locally brewed beer and pub food, tacos and ice cream.

Twelve tenants were announced at the project's groundbreaking ceremony in early 2014, including Bella Nails & Spa, Tapioca Express and Wok It Out. Only two new tenants have been added to the



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Maya Cinemas at Campus Pointe located near Highway 168 in northeast Fresno across from Fresno State.

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Tracy Kashian, Lance-Kashian & Co.

za to operate the theater with his company, Maya Cinemas North America Inc. The mall sued, alleging the deal was a conflict of interest because of Esparza's ties to the university. A Fresno County Superior Court judge agreed there was a conflict of interest, but didn't cancel the project.

list since then — Cricket, the cell phone store, and a coffee shop tentatively called Love Mugs.

The developer has been polling the public about what else they would like to see at Campus Pointe. People really want a Fatburger restaurant, Tracy Kashian said, and a Nike store. The company

is still pursuing a food market to serve students living in the nearby Campus Pointe apartments, which were completed in 2009. Future development plans include a senior living complex and a hotel.

Yogurtland owners Ajay Hira and Jonathan Choe hope to open their store in August. It will be the pair's second location in Fresno. They opened their first store in River Park four years ago.

"We have a lot of customers always asking us 'Hey, when can you open closer to us?'" Hira said. "We took this as a great opportunity" to open a second location.

The store sells 16 flavors of frozen yogurt and will have a toppings bar for customers. The Campus Pointe store will have

about 14 employees. The frozen yogurt team will be at the grand opening event serving 200 samples and giving away free yogurt coupons.

Melvin and Lucy Whittle of Fresno attended the grand opening of Maya Cinemas and have returned twice since then, forgoing their usual movie

spot at Edwards Fresno Stadium 22 & IMAX in River Park.

"At this point, it's not as busy as the other theaters," Melvin Whittle said on a recent Friday afternoon. "It will be interesting to see what it's like when (the entire development is) done."

Campus Pointe is cen-

trally located with fast access off Highway 168, the couple said. And parking is easy.

"I think it's a fantastic idea to put it here," Melvin Whittle said. "It gives us something to do. I'm enjoying it."

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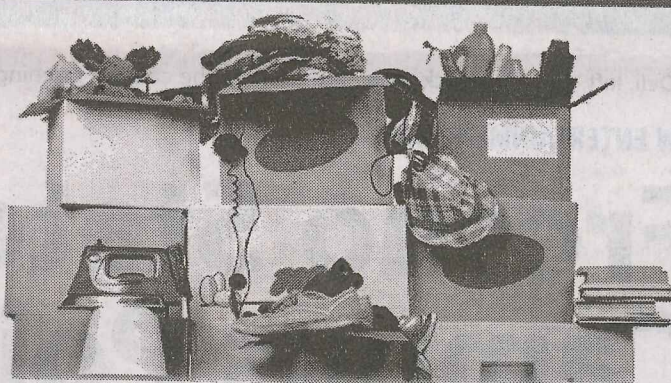
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