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Stonestown project details divulged

By J.K. Dineen

In what represents San Francisco's first post-pandemic megaproject development agreement, the owners of Stonestown Galleria and city officials have agreed to a package of trade-offs and public benefits

that would pave the way for 3,500 housing units to sprout on the sea of asphalt that dominates the 40-acre shopping mall.

Under the terms of the deal, which must be approved by the Board of Supervisors, developer Brookfield would make 20%

of the units affordable, which would be roughly 700 homes, including a "senior village" and senior center. Another three parcels would be donated to the city for affordable housing. The 3,500 units represent a 600-unit increase over earlier versions of the plan.

The project would include a child care center. There would be 6 acres of parks, including a town square with outdoor dining, recreation space and a plaza to host the neighborhood's farmers' market. There would also be a new "main street" of retailers, restaurants and an

entertainment venues corridor along 20th Avenue, which would total about 150,000 square feet.

The project would generate 800 annual construction and development-related jobs, as well as 1,400 permanent jobs.

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Legislation would close businesses late at night to reduce crowds



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Mohamed Alghim, 18, monitors people shopping in his family's Plaza Snacks and Deli corner store in the Tenderloin.

Allstate planning to restart home policies

By Megan Fan Munce

One of California's largest home insurers says it plans to resume writing new policies — as soon as the state implements regulations insurers have been asking for.

Allstate stopped writing new homeowner policies in November 2022 due to wildfire risk, the cost of rebuilding homes and the rising price of reinsurance, which is insurance for insurers. But at a Wednesday public workshop held by the California Department of Insurance, a company representative indicated Allstate is getting ready to resume writing new policies in the state. (The company continues to renew existing policies.)

Once California enacts a slew of insurance regulations, "Allstate will begin writing new homeowner insurance policies

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Tenderloin stores targeted in war on drugs, fencing

By Maggie Angst

Outside of Walid and Ray Alghim's corner store at McAllister and Seventh streets, more than 100 people gather nightly. They pack the sidewalk on the backside of Civic Center Plaza hawking stolen goods, dealing and using illicit drugs, talking with friends and blaring music.

Throughout the night, people from the crowd cycle in and out of Plaza Snacks and Deli buying chips, soda and coffee as well as glass smoking pipes and lighters, though the store's top-selling products, according to Walid, are milk and cereal.

They then flood back into the crowd, where most will socialize and enjoy their "munchies" until the early morning hours.

City officials now want to hold store owners like the Alghim brothers partly responsible for this

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People gather outside the store. Mayor London Breed has introduced legislation that targets such stores for "perhaps unintentionally, contributing to the drug market."

Family of crash victim pans sentence

By Rachel Swan

A street racer whose 2020 thrill ride killed a man in the Western Addition made his final court appearance Tuesday — quietly ending a case that came to illustrate San Francisco's battle to protect pedestrians from dangerous drivers.

Raja Whitfield, 29, faced one count of felony vehicle manslaughter and spent several months in jail after a road rampage on Aug. 11, 2020, in which he struck and killed 50-year-old Mark Berman. Friends of the victim who spoke in court Tuesday noted that Whitfield had posted videos of himself speeding and gloating about his erratic driving.

One friend, Sandy Sloan, choked back sobs as she criticized the court for what she perceived as a "highly prejudicial" sentence.

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Appeals court overturns Weinstein's 2020 rape conviction

By Michael R. Sisak and Dave Collins

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NEW YORK — The decision by New York's highest court to overturn the 2020 rape conviction of movie mogul Harvey Weinstein has reopened a painful chapter in America's reckoning

with sexual misconduct by powerful figures — an era that began in 2017 and helped launch the #MeToo movement.

New York's state Court of Appeals determined the trial judge improperly allowed women to testify about allegations against the ex-Movie mogul that weren't part of the case.

Weinstein, 72, will remain imprisoned because he was convicted in Los Angeles in 2022 of another rape. Shortly after the New York verdict was overturned, a defense attorney in the disgraced movie mogul's Los Angeles case said the same should happen in California.

While Thursday's ruling was a

blow to #MeToo advocates, they noted it was based on legal technicalities and not an exoneration of Weinstein's behavior, saying the original trial irrevocably moved the cultural needle on attitudes about sexual assault.

The Manhattan district attorney's office said it intends to retry Weinstein, and at least one of his

accusers said through her lawyer that she would testify again.

The state Court of Appeals overturned Weinstein's 23-year sentence in a 4-3 decision, saying "the trial court erroneously admitted testimony of uncharged, alleged prior sexual acts." It called this "highly prejudicial"

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