

## LULULEMON

The fashionable stretch pants sell for about \$100 a pair.

In Palo Alto, the Lululemon store at 432 University Ave. has been hit by shoplifters four times this year. In yesterday's incident, police said a man and woman stole 10 pairs of pants at 6:50 p.m.

In many of the incidents, the descriptions of the thieves are similar, suggesting the same crew is targeting the stores.

Burlingame Detective Jeff Joe said the crew includes a black woman about 5 foot 7, in her 20s, with distinctive dark pink streaks in her hair. Another black woman about 5 foot 7, 200 pounds is also seen with her. Occasionally, the group includes men, and as many as six people at once have burglarized the store, police said.

In Monday's heist in Burlingame, two women walked into the store and started grabbing pants, said police Lt. Bob Boll. They put them into their bags and walked out. It took just minutes. They stole \$3,000 worth of pants.

### Preventing the thefts

Why don't the store employees try to stop the thieves? They're prohibited from doing so by store policy, said Detective Joe. He said police are working with the company to see if they can make it harder for the thieves, perhaps by changing the store's layout or making it harder to reach the pants. Joe has also requested more police patrols by the store in the afternoon when the thefts typically occur.

No other store on Burlingame Avenue has been targeted quite like Lululemon, he said. Police believe the pants are resold online or even at flea markets for a profit.

A Lululemon spokeswoman told the Post in April that the company is well aware of the situation and was unable to comment further.

## HAIRCUT

handbook. A faux hawk is a hairdo that is similar to a mohawk, but instead of a shaved head on the sides, there is shorter hair. His mother was told by the administration that his haircut was a distraction in the school environment.

On Dec. 19, Jalyn was allowed to stay the rest of the school day. Eventually, his mother decided to cut his hair to adhere to the school's policy, so that he could attend the school's Christmas concert, for which he had been practicing, said Broussard.

### Another kid with the same haircut

But she was surprised to see another eighth-grade student at a Mass who had the forbidden faux hawk. She said the student, who is Japanese and white, had different texture hair than her son. She said that perhaps her son, who was only one of five black students at the school, might have stood out because his hair was different.

Broussard said that she alerted the principal to this, who told her she would consult with the Archdiocese of San Francisco (which oversees the school) and a priest at the church regarding the haircut policy. She said it was a double-standard that the handbook rule was enforced with her son, but not other students.

By mid-January after not receiving much response from the school or the archdiocese, she decided to pull her two sons out of school and enroll them in the public Fox Elementary School.

In the family's June 23 complaint to the OCR, they asked that the federal agency order the school to refund their fall tuition for their two boys and establish diversity sensitivity training for the school teachers and administration.

Broussard said it was a difficult decision to take her children out of the school, especially during the middle of the school year. She said both boys struggled with adjusting socially to the new schools.

### Feds assert jurisdiction over Catholic school

Broussard said they filed the complaint with the OCR, which normally deals with public school complaints, after confirming that the agency does have jurisdiction over the private school. She told the Post that OCR does have jurisdiction if the school received any type of federal funding.

OCR is the same agency that has launched numerous investigations in the Palo Alto Unified School District over the past two years.

The family is being represented by attorney Jennifer Bezoza of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights — the same advocacy group that successfully sued San Mateo County in 2011 over how it elected its supervisors, claiming the county alienated minority voters by preventing them from winning a seat on the Board of Supervisors. The county settled the suit by redrawing the borders of the supervisors' districts and switching from countywide elections to district elections. The organization also claimed in May that the Mountain-View Los Altos High School District disproportionately enrolls minority students into lower-level math.

### Handbook details 'hair code'

Larry Kamer, a spokesman for the San Francisco Archdiocese, said that the handbooks of IHM and other Catholic schools are meant to teach respect, tolerance and respect the values of individuals. He said the handbooks are explicit in what is and is not allowed at schools. The books include a dress code and hair code. The parents are required to sign the handbook at the beginning of the year to ensure they read and understood the school rules.

## YEE

hearings for the four defendants today at the U.S. Courthouse in San Francisco.

Anthony Simmons, a spokesman for U.S. Attorney Melinda Haag, said such hearings typically involve defendants changing their pleas from innocent "to something else," but he would not provide details of a possible deal or what the hearing would mean for Yee.

"I can't confirm who is going to say what and who is going to do what," Simmons said.

The FBI arrested Yee and 19 others in 2014 during a series of raids throughout the Bay Area. He is accused of soliciting and accepting bribes from an alleged Chinatown gang leader in exchange for providing help from Sacramento. The FBI also alleged that the San Francisco Democrat, who was running for secretary of state at the time, conspired to connect an undercover agent with an international arms dealer in exchange for campaign contributions.

The three other defendants with hearings scheduled today are Keith Jackson, a former San Francisco school board member who acted as Yee's consultant and fundraiser; Jackson's son Brandon; and Marlon Sullivan, a sports agent.

The arrests were the culmination of the FBI's eight-year investigation of Raymond "Shrimp Boy" Chow, the elected "dragonhead" of a Chinese-American association called Ghee Kung Tong. The FBI alleges the association was a racketeering enterprise and that undercover agents laundered \$2.6 million in cash from illegal bookmaking through the organization.

Chow has pleaded not guilty to money laundering and other charges.

## KARDASHIAN

Q&A for the club's INFORUM division, which aims to appeal to younger and hipper audiences.

Kardashian told the audience that the large number of selfies she posts on social media empowers her to control her public image, but also contributes to her being viewed by some merely as a sexual object.

Kardashian allowed that while other people might regard her constant posing in front of a camera as degrading, it doesn't matter as long as she is happy with the results.

During an hour-long Q&A before an adoring audience that was mostly young and female, she also revealed that her husband, rapper Kanye West, came up with the idea and title for her new book of selfies called "Selfish."

### Proud and smart

Zohal Amiri, 24, of Hayward, had a VIP ticket for last night's event that she says will get her three minutes of one-on-one time with Kardashian.

"I'm excited to hear her talk about women's objectification because some think it's contradictory because she's naked on magazines all the time. But why can't you be proud of your body and be smart at the same time?" she said.

INFORUM director Caroline Moriarty Sacks said Kardashian was deemed a worthy guest based on "what she is doing in terms of business and social media and the way she makes us question our understanding of modern feminism, for better or for worse."

"We all need to think a little more deeply about her when she is booked by the Commonwealth Club, and that means we are doing our job," Sacks said.

Since the event was announced earlier this month, the program's Facebook page has lit up with comments opposing and supporting her selection, with some posters saying they would go so far as to cancel their club memberships.

### Elevating the conversation?

Clay Williams, a 54-year-old San Francisco resident, said he has been to a few Commonwealth Club events and regularly listens to them on radio.

He won't be listening to the Kardashian interview. "This is someone who built her entire career on the objectification of women. Seriously? I mean what has she done besides succeed in making herself famous," he said.

"That's not what the Commonwealth Club is about. It's about elevating the conversation, not degrading it," he added.

But Amiri has a different idea.

"She's number one in pop culture now so why not her?" she said.

The flap is reminiscent of the flak National Public Radio received earlier this month after Kardashian appeared on its "Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!" quiz show. NPR received hundreds of complaints and some listeners threatened to stop donating to the non-profit broadcaster.

Kardashian's personal representative, Ina Treciokas, declined to comment on why the reality star might be trying to reach new audiences or what she hopes to accomplish with the NPR and Commonwealth Club appearances.

In a surprising turn, Kardashian, who has made a name sharing her life on television and is promoting a book of selfies, barred photographers and video journalists from covering last night's event, the club said.



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