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The Peninsula's best hikes to see native wildflowers

From seaside daisies to poppies aplenty, check out local preserves and trails this spring

By Sophia Markoulakis

Peninsula native wildflowers are the harbinger of spring around here; a sight that calms us even when other ecological and climate indicators give us pause. The current year's lack of rain hasn't caused too much disruption for these sturdy natives. Matt Dolkas with Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) confirms that the Peninsula's wildflower display should be on par with other years and comments that with a good soaking in March or April, we should be rewarded with a great late spring showing.

"The rain in October and December of 2021 were astounding and helped a lot, but you can feel that the grasses are struggling at a time of year when they should be at their best," says Dolkas.

Even without a steady stream of storms in March, we can still rely on areas with serpentine soil, a geological and ecological phenomenon steeped in tectonic activity over millions of years, to support an endemic flower showing. This soil, composed primarily of serpentinite, is so toxic and depleted of commonly found soil nutrients that only a



Courtesy POST

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Purple lupine and bright orange poppies decorate a hillside at Arastradero Creek Trail.

Menlo Flats mixed-use housing project approved near Meta campus

Developer Greystar now set to build over 1,000 rental units in the area

By Lloyd Lee

Menlo Flats, an eight-story mixed-use building proposal with 158 rental units and about 15,000 square feet of office and commercial space, was approved by the city planning commission on Monday, March 28.

This is the fourth Greystar

development that the city has approved in the past eight years. With the green light for the Menlo Flats project, which sits on a 1.38-acre parcel at 165 Jefferson Drive, the developer has now added or is in the process of building 1,080 rental units, all near the headquarters of Meta, formerly known as Facebook.

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Flats will be affordable, with four units priced for very low income households, 12 units for low income households and five units for those with moderate income.

Since the developer requested an increase in height density and floor area ratio under what's called a "bonus level development," Greystar is required to

build a community amenity such as a cafe or grocery store with the development or pay an "in-lieu fee."

Several options for a community amenity were on the table, including a grocery store, cafe, pharmacy or urgent care center. However, the options were later deemed unfeasible because they were either already approved as

an amenity for a development nearby or because the costs far exceeded the \$4.4 million appraisal value of the amenity, according to Andrew Morcos, a managing director at Greystar who gave a presentation at the meeting.

The developer has instead

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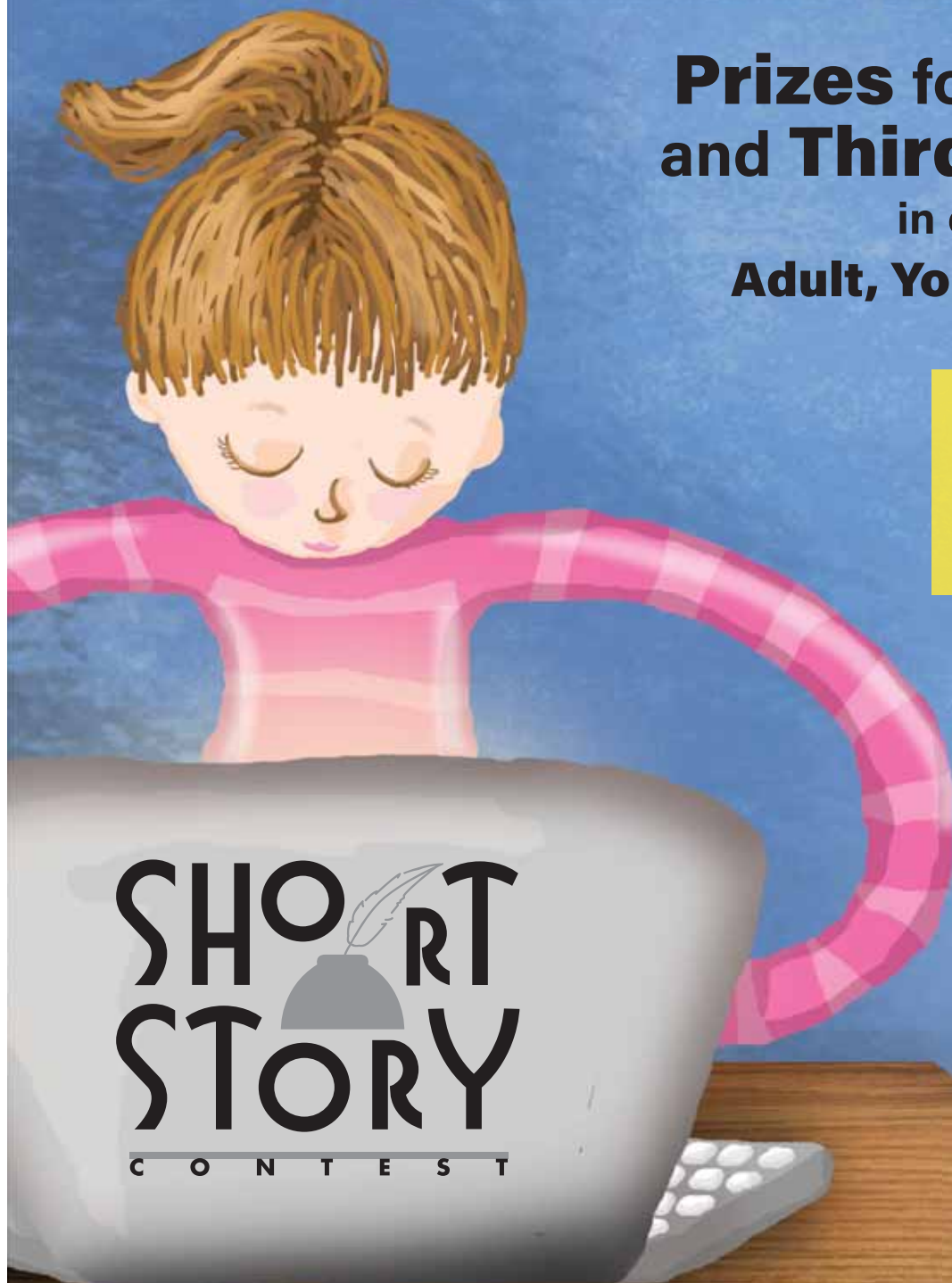
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Catherine Park, 11, gets a dose of COVID-19 vaccine at Belle Haven School in Menlo Park on Jan. 10. The Ravenswood City School District board is keeping a mask mandate in place, in part because its vaccination rate is lower than those of the surrounding school districts.

Ravenswood schools keep mask mandate in place until at least mid-April

By Angela Swartz

Ravenswood City School District students and staff will continue to wear their masks both indoors and outdoors until at least mid-April. This makes it the only district in the area that will still require masks next week.

The school board made the decision on March 24, after district staff gathered community feedback about whether to require masks on campuses over the last two weeks. COVID-19 case rates are higher within district boundaries than the rest of San Mateo County on average,

but are one-third of what they were on March 10, according to a March 24 staff report.

Teachers union and classified staff leadership said they'd prefer to continue mask requirements for the rest of the school year, according to the report. District advisory committees, made up of district parents, staff and community leaders, said they would like to keep the indoor mask mandate until there is more information, the report states. The committees reported feeling comfortable with lifting the outdoor mask mandate.

The school board last

reviewed its policy two weeks ago after the state dropped its indoor mask mandate at schools, making it optional, earlier this month.

The Mountain View Whisman School District board voted March 24 to remove its indoor mask mandate starting on Monday, March 28. Wearing a face covering will still be strongly recommended.

The Ravenswood board will revisit its masking policies again at a Thursday, April 14, meeting.

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FDA authorizes second COVID-19 booster shot for people ages 50 and older

By Sue Dremann

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has authorized a second booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for people ages 50 and older and some immunocompromised individuals, the agency announced Tuesday, March 29.

The new authorization will

make a second booster dose available to those at higher risk for severe disease, hospitalization and death, including those who have undergone solid organ transplantation or with certain immunocompromised conditions.

The second booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine may be administered to people ages 12 and older with certain immunocompromised conditions at least four

months after they have received a first booster dose of any COVID-19 vaccine.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine can be offered as a second booster dose at least four months after the first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine to people 18 years and older who are immunocompromised.

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Police seize 17 firearms from Menlo Park home of suspected gang member

By Lloyd Lee

The Menlo Park Police Department said it seized 17 illegal firearms and gang-related paraphernalia on Monday from a Menlo Park resident allegedly connected to a local street gang, following his arrest during a traffic stop on March 20.

The suspect, 42-year-old Christopher Echols, was arrested on firearms and gang-related charges as well as on suspicion of committing a felony while out on bail, after police served a search warrant at Echols' home in the Belle Haven neighborhood on Monday, March 28, a press release stated.

The prior arrest, on March 20, came after plainclothes officers in an unmarked vehicle pulled him over for speeding through Willow Road and Newbridge Street, an area that frequently receives speeding complaints from the community, according to police. Echols was driving 50 mph in a residential zone.

During the stop, Echols called 911. The report stated that Echols was attempting to target the plainclothes officers and saying that they were in danger of being shot. Nicole Ackers, public information officer for the police department, said police cannot further interpret what Echols may have meant by the statement.

When Echols was removed from the vehicle, officers said they found that he had a loaded 9 mm handgun and was wearing military-style camouflage clothing that's commonly associated

with a local criminal street gang known as the Taliban.

The Taliban gang emerged out of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park around 2002, according to an SFGate report, and members have been connected to a range of felonies including murder, assault, robbery and extortion.

In 2009, an 18-month investigation led to a large-scale arrest of 42 people in connection to the gang. The former East Palo Alto Police Chief Ron Davis said at the time that the operation "effectively dismantled" the Taliban, although it would not be the last incident where individuals connected to the gang were arrested.

"Menlo Park Police are taking a proactive stance to prevent this type of activity from gaining hold in this community again," the news release stated.

Echols was arrested March 20 on suspicion of carrying a concealed firearm, resisting officers in an aggravated manner, false report of an emergency and additional charges for criminal street gang behavior and possession of a firearm by a gang member. He was booked into San Mateo County Jail and posted bail the same day.

The police department obtained a search warrant for Echols' home on March 29.

"The search warrant was for weapons and also for any evidence indicating gang activity," Police Chief David Norris said in a Facebook video publicizing Echols' arrest.

Officers found assault-style

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Courtesy of Menlo Park Police Department

Menlo Park police stand behind weapons and alleged gang-related paraphernalia seized during a warrant search of a home in Menlo Park.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT 500 LAUREL STREET MENLO PARK, CA 94025

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the District Board of West Bay Sanitary District will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the District's Board Room located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA and by Zoom or telephone

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider a proposed increase in sewer services charges for fiscal year (FY) 2022/2023 and for FY 2023/2024. District Fiscal Years (FY) start on July 1st through June 30th of the following year. Additional information is available through the District's website at www.westbaysanitary.org and on the official notice that was mailed to every parcel address that pays District rates.

The annual sewer service charge proposed increase is 2% for the next two years from \$1,255 per single family residence to \$1,280 in FY 2022/2023 and to \$1,306 in FY 2023/2024. Approximately 89 homes in the Portola Valley area (located within the On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone), who pay higher charges for the maintenance of their STEP or Grinder Sewer Collection Systems will increase from \$1,875 per single family residence to \$2,050 in FY 2022/2023 and to \$2,226 in FY 2023/2024 in order to realign charges with the cost of service. Non-residential rates will increase proportionately according to loading characteristics. The non-residential customer pays the single-family rate at a minimum. The increased charges are required to fund needed maintenance, reconstruction to the sewer system, levee improvements, and expenses for the Silicon Valley Clean Water regional wastewater treatment plant.

Protests against the proposed rate increase must be submitted in writing by 4:00pm on April 27, 2022, signed by the property owner, must identify the owner(s) of the property for which the protest is entered, and must include the property address and assessor's parcel number (APN).

/s/ Sergio Ramirez

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Menlo School holds benefit concert for teen mental health nonprofit

Students and community leaders are coming together for a special event to raise awareness and funds for teen mental health. The Menlo School's Voices for Hope student committee is presenting a benefit concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, with performances, speakers and art at the Spieker Center on the campus of Menlo School.

The benefit raises funds for the Children's Health Council, a Peninsula-based nonprofit that offers mental health services to children, teens and young adults.

The event also explores how local students have looked to the arts as an outlet to cope with the pandemic and offers music and dance performances by the Menlo School dance team, choir, orchestra, jazz band and individual students. An art and writing gallery showcases visual arts and poetry, short stories and other written works by students.

Local leaders and health experts will be on hand to discuss how their organizations' work connects with teen mental health. The lineup features Susan Wojcicki, CEO of YouTube; Dr. Leanne Williams, Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Stanford Center for Precision Mental Health and Wellness; U.S. Rep. Ro Khanna; Dr. Lloyd B. Minor, Dean of Stanford University School of Medicine; Dr. Patty Crisostomo, Child Clinical Psychologist at The Children's Health Council and Than Healy, Head of Menlo School.

The Spieker Center for the Arts is located at Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. Tickets are \$5. For more information, visit menlovoicesforhope.com.

—Heather Zimmerman

City of Menlo Park announces key hires

The city of Menlo Park recently made two new hires in managing roles, including a Menlo Park Police Department commander who will serve as second in command to the police chief.

Thomas "TJ" Moffett will start on April 11 and oversee the four patrol teams, the traffic unit and an updated community response team, according to Clay Curtin, the city's public engagement manager. There are two commander roles in the police department, Curtin said.

Moffett previously served in the Modesto Police Department as lieutenant and acting captain. He has a master's degree in law enforcement and public safety leadership from University of San Diego.

The city also hired a new assistant public works director, Tanisha Werner, a former senior project manager at the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. She joined the public works department on March 28.

Werner has over 16 years of experience in civil engineering, according to a city press release. She previously worked for the cities of Redwood City, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara.

She has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Fresno State University and a master's degree in public administration from San Jose State University. Werner is also a state licensed civil engineer.

More background information on the two new hires can be found at bit.ly/3iS7DYh.

COVID testing site moves to Hillview Middle School

The COVID-19 testing site at SRI International's parking lot by Ringwood Avenue and Middlefield Road in Menlo Park moved to Hillview Middle School at 1100 Elder Avenue, starting March 28, according to the Menlo Park City School District.

The district is offering parking lot space at the school to keep the testing site hosted by Curative, a healthcare startup, in the community. Since October 2020, the company and the school district have partnered to provide tests for the city.

The location will be open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Testing is free and health insurance is not required. Visitors can park in front of Hillview's parking spaces or along Elder Avenue, the district said. Walk-ins are accepted or appointments can be made at cur.tv/hillview.

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10 gardens to visit on the 20th annual Growing Natives Garden Tour

Residents are opening their yards to plant lovers this weekend

By Julia Brown

Gardeners and plant lovers alike are abuzz over the return of the Growing Natives Garden Tour, which went virtual the last two years due to the pandemic.

About 40 local private home and public gardens landscaped with California native plants will be open to the public for free, in-person tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, and Sunday, April 3. Saturday tours will include properties in Redwood City, Mountain View, Los Altos, Palo Alto, San Mateo and Sunnyvale. Sunday tours will shift south to Santa Clara, Cupertino, Campbell, Los Gatos, San Jose, Morgan Hill and Gilroy.

Advance online registration is required to participate and get tour maps with addresses. There are also four virtual-only gardens this year.

"Garden owners are very enthusiastic, and volunteers are really happy to be back in person," says volunteer Cynthia Gingrich. "I think there's a renewed interest in what native plants provide to the biodiversity of California."

From native wildflowers like lupine and poppies to plants like manzanita and buckwheat, the gardens featured on the tour have a majority of California natives that are water-wise, low-maintenance and use minimal or no chemicals. These serve as habitats for birds, butterflies and bees. Gardens that are deemed certified wildlife habitats need to have food, shelter, water and cover for young, Gingrich says.

"In the Bay Area and Santa Cruz Mountains, we have an incredible number of open space preserves and county parks, and that's still not enough," she says. "We have to bring the natives back into our gardens because we have too many non-natives and invasives in our gardens and streets and even in parks ... The ivy and mustard and oxalis, sure they're beautiful, but they push out the native species and don't provide the nutrients and nourishment that the native wildlife needs."

This year's gardens range from just over 1,000 square feet to a couple of acres and vary in maturity, with one garden only a few years old. Visitors will be allowed to tour a garden and often can speak with the homeowner or a volunteer



Courtesy Middlefield resident

Yellow lupine is among the native wildflowers at the Middlefield native and edible gardens, which can be visited on April 2 as part of the Growing Natives Garden Tour.

(most of whom are UC master gardeners) to learn more about the process of installing a native garden. Some of the gardens are public, including the gardens at San Carlos City Hall, Highlands Elementary School in San Mateo and Bol Park in Palo Alto.

Whether it's a homeowner or a renter with an abundance of outdoor space or a small patio, the tour shows that there are small steps people can take to help native wildlife.

"When you have a postage-sized yard in Sunnyvale, you can't necessarily plant a whole field of lupines, but you can grow wildflowers in pots if you have an apartment balcony," Gingrich says. "You can do a small part that will make a difference."

To register or view photos and videos of the gardens, visit the Growing Natives website at gngt.org.

Bee haven, San Mateo, April 2: This sunny San Mateo front yard features colorful flowers year-round, including woolly blue curl, California fuschia and monkey flower. A small lawn in the back is surrounded by fruit trees and natives, including manzanita, sage brush and buckwheats, and a raised garden bed offers vegetables in the summer. Year-round blooms attract many varieties of birds and native bees.

San Carlos native plant garden, April 2: Stop by the city of

San Carlos' native plant garden at City Hall on Saturday to ask docents about its plants and features. The garden, designed by the UC master gardeners, has different areas of focus: One is for hummingbird-attracting plants, for example, while the area next to the benches features drought-tolerant plants such as monkey flower and white sage.

Shady Glen, Redwood City, April 2: Creeping Oregon grape and hummingbird sage can be spotted in the front of this garden designed and installed by the homeowner. In the back, artificial turf is surrounded by perennials such as huckleberry and sages. Bird baths, flowers and berries attract birds.

Matadero garden, Palo Alto, April 2: This half-acre garden in Palo Alto was installed eight years ago, when a new home was built on-site to include rooftop solar panels and hardscape for rainwater catchment. The garden includes drought-tolerant shrubs like manzanitas and buckeyes, as well as old oak trees and other established plants.

Middlefield native and edible gardens, Palo Alto, April 2: This front yard native garden was designed and installed by the homeowner, a master gardener who propagates plants in her small backyard greenhouse. Native wildflowers line the path, and a mound made up

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Omicron BA.2 variant dominates in local counties

By Sue Dremann

The BA.2 strain of the SARS-CoV-2 virus has overtaken other variants in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, wastewater surveillance shows.

The strain, which is a sub-variant of the omicron virus that caused a large surge in cases in January, constitutes nearly 100% of the coronavirus strains in some local sewersheds throughout both counties, according to Santa Clara County's Wastewater Surveillance Program and data from Stanford's Sewer Coronavirus Alert Network (SCAN).

The surveillance program samples wastewater for evidence of the virus' ribonucleic acid (RNA), a part of its genetic signature. The average percentages of BA.2 in Santa Clara County wastewater ranges from 65% to 100% of all variants in the north county. The levels are still consistently below 30% in the southern-most county areas, county staff said in an email.

The high presence of BA.2 started in the Palo Alto

sewershed, which includes Palo Alto, Mountain View, East Palo Alto, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, according to Stanford's SCAN. Stanford SCAN presents the percentage of the variant in the wastewater compared to other variants as a trimmed mean over five days, which eliminates the high and low numbers.

The five-day trimmed mean percentage was as low as 2% on Feb. 8, but it reached 93% at its peak on March 6. It dropped to 63% as of March 21, according to Stanford SCAN data.

Other sewersheds also showed BA.2 in single-digit percentages around the same time in February. They also rose significantly in the past few weeks. On March 21, the percentage of BA.2 in Codiga (Stanford University), a subset of the Palo Alto sewershed, was 89%; and San Jose was 71%. Sunnyvale's percentage was 96%.

In Gilroy, however, at the extreme end of Santa Clara County, the BA.2 percentage represented 34% of the variants present in wastewater, according to the Stanford

SCAN data.

In San Mateo County, the BA.2 percentage in the Silicon Valley Clean Water sewershed, which serves the cities of Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood City and the West Bay Sanitary District, was 93% on March 21, according to the Stanford SCAN data.

"The trends are consistent with state and national trends of BA.2 increasing among sequenced specimens from people with COVID," Santa Clara County noted.

The county cautioned, however, against focusing only on recent readings.

"Wastewater surveillance, particularly for COVID-19 and variant detection, is still an emerging science," the county said.

Wastewater data can also vary over short periods. Sunnyvale's BA.2 five-day trimmed mean percentage was 96% on March 21, but on March 22 it dropped to 71%. Researchers and health officials must look at sustained trends rather than focusing on only the most recent readings, both for COVID-19 concentrations

overall as well as proportions of a given variant, the county said.

The rapid rise of a variant is not completely unexpected, Michael Balliet, county deputy director for public health, said in a recent phone interview.

"It's a pretty good indicator of what's going on. The overarching message is that the virus is still actively circulating in the community," he said.

The prevalence of BA.2 in the wastewater doesn't necessarily mean there are abundant COVID-19 cases, just that the strain has taken over, Dr. Jorge Salinas, hospital epidemiologist for Stanford Health Care, said by phone this week.

"Most variants have faded out and new variants tend to outcompete past variants. One potential conclusion is that BA.2 is perhaps more transmissible. It's possible that the BA.2 variant has a bit of a competitive advantage," he said.

While BA.2 is the dominant strain in the wastewater, so far it hasn't translated to a high number of known infections, which is somewhat baffling to health officials. The number of hospitalizations and case rates remain low, health leaders in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties said. It's unknown if the BA.2 variant, which is 30% more transmissible, is going to cause milder illness, health officers in both counties have said.

Santa Clara County also hasn't yet put its number of BA.2 cases on its wastewater surveillance dashboard. The time required for laboratories to sequence the genetic material and report the variant cases to public health departments can take a month or more, according to the county.

Still, epidemiologists think another wave is coming.

"It is fair to expect an increase in cases in the coming weeks," Salinas said.

Cases have exploded in some other countries, particularly in Asia.

BA.2 now accounts for 75% of the world's COVID-19 cases, said Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove, the World Health Organization's COVID-19 technical lead.

"This is the most transmissible variant we have seen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus to date," she said.

While each country and region faces different challenges, a reduction in testing in many areas means the current cases are "just the tip

of the iceberg," Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO director-general, said during a press conference on March 16. Regions that have done away with precautions such as masking and social distancing and that have low vaccination rates are going to be the most impacted, he said.

"The pandemic is not over. I repeat: The pandemic is not over," he said.

In the Bay Area, with its high vaccination rate and high number of cases of the omicron BA.1 variant just two months ago, the region will be better protected against death and severe illness than other places, Salinas said.

"I believe there will be another wave. It probably won't be as high as the January wave," he said.

It's hard to predict how big the wave might be and how impactful, he added.

"It means in the coming weeks ... we will need to implement preventative procedures: masking, vaccination, social distancing; avoid crowded inside spaces.

"It's like living in an area with frequent earthquakes or tornadoes. You know what to do," he said.

Salinas said he is concerned that the country, so anxious to put the pandemic in the past, will rapidly jump to the conclusion that BA.2 is milder. He noted that was the assumption with omicron BA.1 — but people died from BA.1.

"With BA.2, we need to remain humble and nimble in our response," he said.

Salinas also wouldn't be surprised if there is another variant and a subsequent surge as long as there is an uncontrolled, large amount of infection anywhere in the world.

Louise Rogers, chief of San Mateo County Health, also told the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday that it's too soon to say whether BA.2 will cause a surge. The county continues to be prepared and expects at some point there will be an uptick.

"Unfortunately, at this point we don't know what will happen," she said, which is why county health officials continue to urge people to get vaccinated and boosted.

"The vaccination rates do seem to be correlated with how severe the impacts are in other parts of the world," she said. ■

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MENLO FLATS

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opted to pay a \$4.8 million fee which includes a 10% administrative fee.

Some commissioner members including Cynthia Harris expressed hopes for a brick-and-mortar community amenity rather than an in-lieu fee but nonetheless supported the proposal. Commissioner Chris DeCardy stressed that the city should use the funds as soon as possible.

"I really want to urge our City Council to utilize the dollars soon and to utilize it for direct benefits for the community members who are most immediately impacted," he said.

The developer has conducted community outreach for the project since 2020, Morcos said. This included more than 6,000 flyers sent to addresses in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto neighborhoods, calls with community members and presentations to the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce.

The planning commission on Monday approved both the project and its final environmental impact report, which concludes the state-mandated California Environmental Quality Act process. The report analyzes the project's impact on traffic, air quality, public services and other areas.

The Sequoia Union High School District raised a couple of objections to the draft report, all revolving around the claim that it did not substantially address the impact the project will have on the district



Courtesy Greystar

Menlo Flats, an eight-story mixed-use building proposal at 165 Jefferson Drive, was approved on Monday by the city planning commission.

and its resources.

The project, which is located about 245 feet southwest of the district's TIDE Academy high school, will generate about 32 new students, the school district's attorney wrote. Since the school is anticipated to reach its 400-student capacity by 2023-24, the district claims that the Menlo Flats project, in addition to the multiple projects Greystar is developing in the area, will have "a profound negative effect on the district's students, their families, and residents who will reside in and near the project."

In response, LSA Associates, which authored the final impact report for Greystar, wrote that the district's own 2020-21 budget plan showed projected increases in enrollment and that a separate study also concluded that the Menlo Flats project would not require or result in the construction of

new or physically altered district facilities.

Greystar and the high school district did not respond to requests for comment from The Almanac.

Full comments and responses to the project's report can be read at bit.ly/3rb6U9h.

Greystar previously completed an apartment complex on the 3600 block of Haven Avenue in 2017, called Elan Menlo Park, which added 146 market rate apartment units.

The developers also have the Menlo Portal development on 104-110 Constitution Drive and 115 Independence Drive with 335 units as well as the Menlo Uptown project on 141 Jefferson Drive and 180-186 Constitution Drive with 441 units and 42 townhomes. Both developments are currently under construction. ■

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Cal Water is hosting a virtual public meeting to help customers understand and comply with these new restrictions. The meeting will educate customers on Stage 2 of Cal Water's Schedule 14.1, water-use restrictions, and a range of conservation programs and tools available to assist customers.

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Oak Knoll students stage peace walks for Ukrainian children and refugees

By Angela Swartz

Holding handmade posters and sunflowers, Oak Knoll School students and their parents walked the Menlo Park school's track on three days last week to send a message of hope to Ukrainian children and refugees worldwide.

The peace walks, organized by students and staff, took place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, March 21-23, to show support for children fleeing Ukraine after Russia invaded the country last month.

Some 4.3 million children, over half of Ukraine's child population, have been displaced by the war, according to UNICEF. More than 1.8 million children have crossed into neighboring countries as refugees and 2.5 million have been internally displaced inside the country, UNICEF reported on Thursday, March 24.

"Finding a way for students to share their thinking and raise awareness that is appropriate for our students, who are between 3



Courtesy Chana Stewart

Students at Oak Knoll School in Menlo Park participated in peace walks the week of March 21 to show support to Ukrainian children and refugees worldwide.

years old at our Early Learning Center (preschool on campus) and our fifth graders, led us to the idea of a Peace Walk," said Principal Alicia Payton-Miyazaki in an email. "We have staff and families from Ukraine and Russia who are deeply committed to returning to peace and supporting the

communities who have been affected by this war."

School administrators invited families to donate to the Red Cross and UNICEF to help provide humanitarian relief. ■

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"Current evidence suggests some waning of protection over time against serious outcomes from COVID-19 in older and immunocompromised individuals. Based on an analysis of emerging data, a second booster dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine could help increase protection levels for these higher-risk individuals," Dr. Peter Marks, director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, said in the statement, adding that the data show that an initial booster dose is critical in helping to protect all adults from potentially severe outcomes.

"Those who have not received

their initial booster dose are strongly encouraged to do so," he said.

The FDA will continue to evaluate whether to authorize the potential use of a second booster dose in other age groups.

"The FDA has determined that the known and potential benefits of a second COVID-19 vaccine booster dose with either of these vaccines outweigh their known and potential risks in these populations," the agency said in the statement.

The FDA looked at safety surveillance data provided from the Ministry of Health of Israel, which found no new safety concerns after the second booster among about 700,000 people ages 18 and older who received the

Pfizer vaccine. Approximately 600,000 of those people were ages 60 or older. The second booster shot of the Moderna vaccine also showed no additional safety concerns.

Increases in antibody levels against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including delta and omicron variants, appeared two weeks after the second booster in the Israeli study.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also approved the authorization on Tuesday. Santa Clara County said that with the CDC's approval, the shots will be made available "immediately." ■

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FIREARMS

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weapons, high-capacity ammunition magazines, police-style communication devices and "a large amount of clothing and other evidence of street-gang participation," the report said.

Echols was arrested on suspicion of multiple counts of illegal possession of assault weapons, multiple counts of possession of high capacity ammunition magazines, possession of a short-barreled rifle, participation in a criminal street gang and

commission of a felony while out on bail.

More charges are possible, the police said. Acker said a case involving the arrest made through the search warrant is being written up to send to the San Mateo County District attorney's office.

During the period of Echols' first and second arrest, Menlo Park Patrol officers also took six firearms off the street through separate traffic enforcement stops. Several of the incidents also involved drivers fleeing from the police, but Acker

could not specify the number of incidents.

"In nearly all of these cases, either drugs, stolen property, evidence of property crimes, gang participation, or a combination of these were also present," police said. "This reinforces a concern that there are a significant number of firearms being carried by non law-abiding suspects of crime, without regard for the safety of our innocent community members." ■

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Robert E. Boeddiker

March 28, 1921 – March 23, 2022

Approaching 101 years old, Robert (Bob) Edward Boeddiker departed this life on March 23, 2022, in Carmel, California. He was born on March 28, 1921 to Mother Grace A. Long Boeddiker and Father Wilhelm Otto Boeddiker.

Bob was born in San Francisco at Saint Francis Hospital. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1938. He continued on to the University of California Berkeley to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, class of 1943, and then the University of San Francisco to earn a Bachelor of Law Degree, class of 1949.

He was married to Jean Boeddiker for twenty years and prior to Jean, his late wife Shirley Peterson Boeddiker for fifty five years.

Bob was employed by Marsh McLennan and later joined his friend John McCracken to form McCracken Boeddiker Insurance in Menlo Park.

He was very proud of his military service in the United States Marine Corps. Bob enlisted in 1942 and began active duty in 1943. He became a commissioned officer in 1944 and served in Hawaii, Guam and Okinawa in the mid 1940's. Bob was called back to active duty for the Korean War in 1951 and retired from the Marine Corps Reserves as a Lt. Colonel in 1981. Oorah!

Bob was passionate about service and was an active member of the Menlo Park Kiwanis Club for over 30 years. He served as the Director of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and he was also the Director of the Palo Alto Boys Club for many years. His other passion was golf. He was a founding member of Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club in Menlo Park and it was in his 90's when he received not one but two holes-in-one. Today there is an annual golf tournament in his honor called the Bob Boeddiker Invitational at Monterey Pines.

Bob is survived by his spouse Jean Boeddiker and his children Bob, Jim (Maggie), Tom (Margaret), Kitty (Larry), Bud (Chris), Carol (Doug), Bill (Bob), seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Student vaccination rates and case counts

Since the board's last meeting, district staff collected COVID-19 student vaccination data through a state database.

About 43% of Ravenswood students are fully vaccinated, while only 27.7% of district students are both fully vaccinated and boosted (if eligible), according to a staff presentation.

Case rates in the Ravenswood district area are still higher than the county average but are significantly lower than they were when the district presented to the board two weeks ago, said Ann Waterman Roy, the district's strategic pandemic recovery consultant.

Since March 12, there have been just three COVID-19 cases district-wide on campus, as of Thursday, March 24. Superintendent Gina Sudaria noted that the data does not include students or staff who test positive for the virus while not on campus.

Future of outdoor mask mandates

The state dropped outdoor mask requirements in June 2021 (except at large events like concerts and sporting events).

The district has required outdoor masking because of modified quarantine rules. Under modified quarantine, exposed students could stay on campus only if masked when exposed, according to the staff report.

School board President Mele Latu said she'd like to lift the district's outdoor mask mandate after students return from spring break this month. She noted that the district's campuses have "the capacity and space" to be able to lift the outdoor requirement.

Trustee Jenny Varghese Bloom said her preference is to stick to both the outdoor and indoor mask requirements until the end of the school year. She has two small children and said she knows kids hang out right next to their friends outdoors, which increases their chances of virus exposure. She's also concerned about the district's low vaccination rates compared to the average across San Mateo County.

"From all accounts we're reading, there is going to be a surge," she said. "That's what we're seeing around the world. ... We have to be really practical and understand that kids are resilient. ... If we have to come back in a few weeks because there's a surge and we have to tell kids they have to put their masks back on after we told them to take them off, that's going to be even harder for our staff and our principals and our teachers." ■

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Las Lomitas Elementary School District

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Menlo Park resident opens Nob Hill Hardware in Palo Alto

Neighborhood store opens its doors
at former FedEx space on California Avenue

By Lloyd Lee

A family-owned hardware store based in San Francisco has opened its first outpost in Palo Alto at 251 California Ave.

Nob Hill Hardware, owned by longtime Menlo Park resident Mihail Fechete, is located in the space that was once part of a larger FedEx Office, which is now occupying a smaller store next door. The shop is set to hold a grand opening in May.

Greeting customers are the walls of pliers, ratchets, hammers and other tools that one might expect to find in a hardware store, but it also has various selections of kitchenware, party supplies and other miscellaneous items.

The store is in the process of stocking its shelves, Fechete said, but supply chain issues have delayed the arrival of some merchandise. The owner expects the selection to match that of his San Francisco store, with around 10,000 items.

"I love hardware stores," said Palo Alto resident Doria Summa, who was browsing the shelves at Nob Hill earlier this week. "It's very small, but it seems to have a little bit of everything."

Fechete said his San Francisco shop, which coincidentally is located on another street also named California, has been performing well, even in



Lloyd Lee

Menlo Park resident Mihail Fechete recently opened a second location of his Nob Hill Hardware store to expand his business and cut down his commute.

the midst of the pandemic, and so he decided to broker a deal for the 3,155-square-foot space on California Avenue in May 2020. People seemed to have had more free time during the pandemic and embarked on their own home improvement projects, he said.

Fechete said the new location seemed like a great opportunity to introduce his business to people closer to home.

He opened his first store in San Francisco's Nob Hill neighborhood in late 2007 after spending a lot of time in and out of hardware stores as a contractor for nearly a decade.

Fechete said he hopes to

provide goods that people may not always find at a mega-hardware retailer, including small items like shoe polish, buttons or needles, as well as expert advice.

The opening of the independent hardware store is a pleasant, and somewhat unexpected, surprise. Hardware stores tend to disappear more than they pop up, said Steven Staiger, a historian at the Palo Alto Historical Association who briefly worked at Cambridge Hardware near California Avenue in the 1970s before it closed in 1997. ■

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GARDEN TOUR

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of perennial and annual vegetables sits in the center of the yard. The homeowner will also allow tours of her backyard edible garden, which includes fruit trees, beehives, a large vegetable garden and chickens.

Foxborough garden, Mountain View, April 2: A redwood habitat, fruit trees and natives including manzanita and coffeeberry can be found at this Mountain View garden. Benches and solar-powered fountains make for an inviting spot to watch birds and butterflies.

Miguel garden, Los Altos, April 2: Spot ceanothus, California gooseberry and woolly blue curl among other natives in the front garden, which features a stone bench and a dry

creek bed for capturing rainwater. In the back you'll find a small bamboo grove with a Japanese lantern, succulents and cacti, plus more natives like bunchgrass meadow close to the house. Birds enjoy the flowering plants, and lizards like hanging out in the desert area and in rock wall crevices.

Hummingbird haven, Los Altos, April 2: A seasonal dry creek in the front yard channels stormwater and is decorated with gum plant, coyote mint, wildflowers, and lilac verbena, among other plants. Both lawns were replaced by meadows accented by a variety of plants, including California poppies, coyote mint and lilac verbena. The backyard also has a variety of fruit trees and a raised vegetable garden.

Low water cottage garden, Campbell, April 3: Find

manzanitas, sulfur buckwheats and baccharis "Twin Peaks" among a meandering path of interlocking paving stones in this 4,700-square-foot garden. A pervious concrete driveway helps keep rainwater on-site. Berries, flowers and seeds provide food for native wildlife.

Round's Hill, Monte Sereno, April 3: Hike uphill to see a nearly 2-acre garden with meadows of annual wildflowers so abundant they're visible overhead in the spring. Numerous native grasses, flowers and shrubs thrive here, and wildlife including deer, rabbits and coyotes are among the visitors. The homeowner designed and installed the garden and has been tending to it for 24 years. ■

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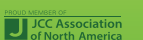
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What people get wrong about first-generation college students

By Itzel Luna/CalMatters

The CalMatters College Journalism Network spoke with first-generation college students across the state about the challenges they face on campus.

When I first started at Stanford this fall as a first-generation college student, I automatically felt a sense of immense pressure. I felt a need to prove that I deserved my spot — especially as I looked at my peers, many of whom came from affluent backgrounds and already had impressive internships lined up for the summer and national awards listed on their LinkedIn profiles.

Feeling out of place didn't go away when I arrived on campus. Move-in weekend, I was surrounded by other freshmen whose parents had attended Stanford and could show them around. That wasn't the case for me — both of my parents are immigrants from Mexico. My mom, who never got to finish high school, and my dad, who didn't get past middle school, were in awe of the place I would be residing in for the next four years.

As the school year got underway, I struggled with feelings of burnout while pushing myself academically. I signed up for an ambitious 18-unit course load in the fall, compared to the typical 14-unit freshman load. I piled on extracurricular activities, including the school newspaper, Stanford Women in Politics, and a fellowship at the CalMatters College Journalism Network. This quarter, I challenged myself further by enrolling in Math 19, Stanford's introductory calculus course. But I quickly saw gaps in my learning. The material I had learned in my under-resourced high school did not prepare me for college-level math. I ultimately opted for a credit/no credit score for the class instead of a letter grade, a decision that was very difficult.

I know I'm not the only first-generation student to struggle without the support of family members who have attended college.

At Stanford, 18.5% of the Class of 2023 is first-generation. About 41% of undergraduates in the University of California system and nearly one-third of California State University students are the first in their families to attend college. And COVID-19 has made it a difficult year for all students.

For the CalMatters College Journalism Network, I set out to talk to other first-generation students on California campuses about what it was like adapting to

academia — and what they wish other people understood about the first-gen experience.

(Comments have been edited for length and clarity.)

**Perla Duran —
Occidental College**

**Freshman Economics &
Media, Arts, and Culture
major; Chinese minor**

First-generation college students have a lot of determination and drive. And that's what I think people need to understand more.

They've seen their families go through so much. My mom came from the Dominican Republic and had to work job after job.

The good thing about being a first-generation college student is you have the drive to keep finding more resources. But I think what people think is that we're just confused, and that we don't know anything.

I experienced this in high school. I was looking into journalism programs because I was really interested in journalism. I was too scared that I wasn't going to be able to get into a program like the Princeton Summer Journalism Program (PSJP), but I decided to go for it anyway.

PSJP was really amazing because we were able to interact with different journalists. We were assigned a counselor who was able to help me with (college) applications. I would recommend first-generation students do any similar program out there.

When it came to me applying to a private school, especially applying early decision, it was really hard for me, because my school counselor was telling me, "Oh, you might not get enough aid, and you're gonna have to go to that school and not gonna be able to afford it." But my counselor from PSJP was telling me "You'll be able to afford it. The school meets full need."

I didn't really know who to listen to. I'm glad I listened to my PSJP counselor. Because if not, I would have (gone to) a state school that would have given me no money.

**Ximena Sanchez Martinez —
Stanford University**

**Junior Biology &
Comparative Studies in
Race and Ethnicity major**

(Getting into Stanford) was a very exciting moment for me because (when I was growing up) my parents worked at the Coffee House on campus. When they couldn't find a babysitter for me

and my sister, they would bring us to work. I didn't know English that well at first, so I remember I was trying to raise funds for a high school field trip by selling those little dollar chocolates. I remember setting it up here and someone helping me translate my little sign, and then Stanford students were buying my chocolate.

Now, coming here, of course, I'm older, I speak English. My parents couldn't help me with the application process but when I got into Stanford, they knew exactly where everything was. My mom was like "OK, this is where your chemistry class is supposed to be, your math class is going to be here, but you have to take this door to get in."

Coming to campus, the aspect that I was most afraid of was just finding my friends, my friend group. It was an overwhelming experience. On the (anonymous messaging app) Fizz, there was a comment I saw once about first-generation, low-income students always pushing this perspective that they are victimized. There's a lot to unpack in that.

When I saw it, I just wondered what made this person feel the need to make that comment. When people say things that are disrespectful to someone else, it's because they don't understand the full story. I would encourage this person to come to one of our community-building events, just so that they get to learn more about this community on campus.

My freshman year, I initially joined the First Generation Low Income Partnership as an intern and now I am the co-president of the organization. On Thanksgiving, we do programming for students who were unable to go back home during the week. We got funds to buy a bunch of goodies and students could come by, pick up a bag, and shop around for things. I want them to know that there are people on campus who care about their wellbeing and that they belong here.

**Aziz Ayobi —
Las Positas College**

Sophomore Nursing Major

There's this assumption that (first-generation students) are gonna follow the footsteps of their parents. They're just like, "Oh your parents didn't go to college, then you're pretty much the same as them." Now that I've started college, I feel like I have this duty to actually finish college. It's like a responsibility that I have to take care of.

Going straight to a four-year sounded really scary. Starting

off at a community college made it way better. It lessened the tension a lot. Now, when I go to a four-year, I know what's going on, what I should be expecting, and what they should be expecting from me.

(I had) no guidance from parents. (First-generation students) literally don't know what to expect. It's like a fog; they're walking blindly through something. I really didn't want to go to college but my teachers pushed me.

This was different water that I was treading so at first, I was very scared. Then, as time went on, I really thought about it and it was actually exciting. I'm actually starting to like it; I chose the correct decision.

**Valery Barrera —
University of California,
Riverside**

**Freshman Creative Writing
Major**

I knew since middle school that I was going to be a first-generation student going to college. In middle school, I said, "Mom, do you have a trust fund for me? Do you have something for college?" And she said, "No, I don't." I had a bunch of other friends whose parents did have a bank account set aside for their kids.

For the most part, I've always gotten good grades and I think that that's how I've always portrayed myself to other people. That's just the expectation they have for me. Being a first-generation student, they don't know how hard college can be — how overwhelming it can be — because they've never had that experience.

Something people misunderstand about being first-gen is this assumption that "Oh, you're really smart because you got into this college, so you know what you're doing, you know how to handle it." But in reality, we really don't know what we're doing. They think you know how to sign up for (the federal financial aid application) FAFSA by yourself. They expect you to be able to handle all of these responsibilities.

Every time a family friend sees me, they're like, "Oh, how's college? How are you doing?" And obviously, my answer is always gonna be "Yes, I'm doing OK." But in reality, there's always struggle, and I feel like that's something people don't really think of.

I come home every weekend, and almost every weekend, I have homework. I'm just stuck in my room doing homework and I feel so drained and so

overwhelmed. Friends and family should understand this. I tell my mom all the time, "I'm just gonna go to Starbucks and do my homework," because I just need a change in environment.

College is a big, big, big responsibility. And it takes a toll on your mental health. And I feel like that's something we need to pay more attention to.

It's important not to overwhelm yourself because at the end of the day, you're doing what you love and you're doing it for yourself. Reminding yourself that you're doing this for you and that it's going to benefit you in the best way possible, is important. Taking a deep breath is OK. Taking a step back is OK.

**Jaqueline Ruvalcaba —
American River College**
**Sophomore Journalism
Major**

I've been in and out of college for about five years because of work. The main problem has been having to decide whether I wanted to just stick to working because that's what my parents did. When in reality, I want to go to school. I want to learn about people's experiences and I want to enjoy what I do. I don't think anyone should ever have to pick between those things.

My parents came here and they worked. They didn't go to school, they didn't think about school. They said, "If you can succeed in your job, you do that over anyone else." You had to do it to get somewhere. That mentality definitely passes on.

I wish that people really understood that first-generation students sometimes start from scratch. How do you sign up for a class? How do you even go to college? I mean, do I just walk in and say, "Hey, I want to go to American River College?" That's literally what I had to do to figure it out.

If I could give first-generation students advice, I would say it's gonna get really hard at times. You'll be tired, you'll be exhausted, but get out there because we need people who came from that process to be a part of society and integrate themselves into different branches of society, and for certain branches, you have to go to school. ■

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WILDFLOWERS

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few species of plants can survive in it.

“Weeds and other invasive plants have a hard time in this soil,” Dolkas says. “And, as a result, what remains are the native flowers that have evolved with it. Pulgas Ridge and Rancho San Vicente, which is now part of San Jose’s Calero County Park, are great spots to see serpentine soil.”

Many people identify the swaths of yellow wild mustard blooms as a sign that wildflower season has begun, but these plants, Brassicaceae, are not native to the Peninsula and are considered an invasive species said to have been brought to the area by Spanish missionaries.

Arastradero Creek Trail, Palo Alto

Purchased and managed by the city of Palo Alto since the 1970s, Pearson-Arastradero Preserve has over 10 miles of trails easily accessible off I-280 (Page Mill Road exit west). The Arastradero Creek Trail is a relatively easy, one-way 1.44-mile trail with moderate hills. Enter from Foothill Park, and pass the lake before you make the hike uphill. The gravel and dirt trail is nice and wide in most locations. There’s little shade, so go early in the season for the best showing and to avoid the heat. Very serene but watch out for mountain bikers who take advantage of the hills. Lots of sky lupines (*Lupinus nanus*) and California poppies (*Eschscholzia californica*) are visible from various spots along the route.

Edgewood Park and Nature Preserve, Redwood City

There are plenty of trails to explore at this Midpeninsula park, and the only way to get to where the wildflowers are is to



Veronica Weber

Wildflowers are seen in full bloom on the Sunset Trail at Edgewood Park, where wildflower walks are conducted through April 13.

head uphill through a narrow trail shaded by heritage oaks. It’s not a challenging climb as there are lots of switchbacks. Follow the Clarkia Trail to the Sunset Trail, and then pick up the Serpentine Trail where the serpentine soil nurtures special natives. Look for chick lupine (*Lupinus microcarpus*) and purple coyote mint (*Monardella villosa* ssp. *franciscana*), an endemic wildflower that is limited to California. Western monarchs love to feed off this native’s pollen, so keep an eye out for this butterfly species that is experiencing an unexpected resurgence, thanks in part to backyard gardeners who make a point to propagate natives. For upcoming wildflower hikes, check in with Friends of Edgewood at friendsofedgewood.org.

Cowell-Purisima Trail, Half Moon Bay

Spectacular views of the hills and ocean are on display at this popular trail. And, lucky for us that early wildflower season coincides with whale migration and harbor seal births. Access is easy just south of Poplar Beach on Highway 1. The 3.7-mile trail

(each way) begins with a pleasant walk that meanders through meadows and agricultural land before you hit the cliffs and turn south. The trail is mostly flat but can be muddy after rains. There’s a good opportunity to see hawks and pelicans as you search for native wildflowers. Seaside daisy (*Erigeron glaucus*) and common yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) are always in bloom and mingle with invasive wild Brassicas. Mark your calendars for April 22, when the Coastal Wildflower Day Festival returns to Half Moon Bay State Beach a few miles down the road.

Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve, Redwood City area

There are lots of trail options at this 3,000-acre preserve. For the most bang for your buck, start at the Ridge Trail where Page Mill Road and Highway 35 meet on the northwest corner.

Take the trail to the top of Borel Hill and soak in the 360-degree views. Continue to the Ancient Oaks and Charquin trails for a full 5.7-mile loop. Varied topography allows for shade- and sun-loving wildflowers to grow under oaks and fallen trees and out in the open. All of the grassland trails, including the loop listed above, offer lots of wildflower-viewing possibilities. You might spot vibrant red Indian paintbrush (*Castilleja affinis*) or white Fernald’s Iris (*Iris fernaldii*) on sloping sunny hillsides. Look for western houndstongue (*Cynoglossum grande*), which is part of the borage family and thrives under the shade of oak trees.

Pulgas Ridge Preserve, San Carlos area

Pulgas Ridge sits directly on the ridge of the San Andreas fault line, so it’s not surprising that there’s serpentine soil in these hills. The Bay Checkerspot

butterfly’s primary habitat is the wildflowers that grow in serpentine soil. This species is unique to this part of the planet according to Dolkas, so you might very well spot one during a hike. This 366-acre dog-friendly preserve is adjacent to Edgewood making it convenient in case this parking lot is full or the trail is overcrowded. Take the Blue Oaks Trail to Hassler Loop. While you’re exploring the hills, look for magenta-hued Indian warrior (*Pedicularis densiflora*), a native perennial herb that blooms early in the season. It’s often found on slopes and attracts hummingbirds. Davy’s centaury (*Zeltnera davyi*) is a small pink native annual that blooms later in the season, usually beginning in May.

Mori Point, Pacifica

Don’t let the looming hill intimidate you from making the hike to the top of Mori Point to spot coastal native wildflowers. Instead of starting at the Old Mori Point trailhead, mix things up and start your hike by walking the promenade that parallels Sharp Park Beach. When you reach the base of the bluff, go left to join Old Mori Trail to avoid the Bootlegger Steps that are a direct ascent. Follow the Coastal Trail switchbacks to the top of the bluff. Once you reach the crest, stop and soak in the view. There are several different bluff trails to follow, some that are precipitously close to the edge and some that zigzag up and over the ridge. These are the best trails to traverse in order to spot wildflowers. Look for creamy-yellow coastal tidy tips (*Layia platyglossa*) and vibrant yellow California goldfields (*Lasthenia californica*) that often grow together. ■

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Audit finds PG&E isn't doing enough to reduce wildfire threats in California

By Julie Cart/Calmatters

As record-breaking drought fuels another potentially dangerous wildfire season, the state auditor reported last week that state officials are failing to hold California's electric utilities accountable for preventing fires caused by their equipment.

The report to the California Legislature found that the new Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety approved utility companies' wildfire prevention plans even when they were "seriously deficient." Included were plans by Pacific Gas & Electric, California's largest utility, which was held responsible for sparking the state's deadliest wildfire, the Camp Fire that killed 85 people in 2018.

While power companies are working to make their equipment more fire-resistant, neither the energy office nor the Public Utilities Commission has done enough to ensure that the companies prioritized upgrades where they are most needed — in high fire-risk areas, according to the 91-page report.

Since 2015, power lines have caused six of California's 20 most-destructive wildfires, according to the report. Uninsulated lines and older transformers and other equipment are dangerous during high winds, when falling trees or flying debris can strike them and spark flames.

The energy office, which was part of the PUC until it was moved last summer to the Natural Resources Agency, has a broad charge to monitor the risk of utility-caused fires and issue safety certificates to power companies. The report cited instances when the office approved plans that it knew to be inadequate or vague.

"While we have some differences of opinion with the auditor, we welcome their input and are committed to continuously improving our operations," Caroline Thomas Jacobs, who directs

the new energy safety office, said in a statement. "We stand behind the comprehensive and extensive evaluation of the wildfire mitigation plans conducted by our team of more than 25 engineers, scientists, firefighters, and utility experts."

PG&E spokesperson Lynsey Paulo said the company was still reviewing the audit report but said its latest wildfire mitigation plan significantly accelerates "the undergrounding of powerlines in high fire-risk areas in 2020 and beyond."

The company said it has installed more than 1,300 weather stations in high risk areas since 2019, as well as 153 high-definition cameras.

In recent years, consumer and ratepayer groups have regularly criticized efforts by the state's largest investor-owned utilities — PG&E, San Diego Gas and Electric and Southern California Edison — to upgrade their equipment, and complained that the state's utility regulator is not a vigorous monitor of the industry.

"Given the nightmarish wildfires that have become part of normal life in recent years, California taxpayers would be right to ask if they're paying for utility watchdogs or lap dogs at the CPUC," said Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group, an environmental research advocacy organization that tracks wildfire issues.

The State Auditor's Office criticized the PUC for not conducting thorough audits of work that companies said they performed. The PUC "does not use its authority to penalize utilities when its audits uncover violations," the report said.

PUC officials said they agreed with most of the report's recommendations. The commission will "establish a plan and timelines toward implementing the recommendations identified in the California State Auditor's

report," according to a statement by spokesperson Terrie Prosper.

In a letter accompanying the report, Acting State Auditor Michael S. Tilden raised concerns about the increasing numbers of so-called public safety power shutoffs, when companies cut power during times of high fire risk. Tilden noted that between 2013 through 2021, the state's largest utilities shut off power to more than 3.6 million customers during 67 power curtailments. There were some 600 unplanned

power outages in 2020 alone, the report said.

Authorities are not doing enough to ensure that the companies prioritize equipment upgrades in high-risk areas, the report found.

In 2020, utilities reported they had replaced or upgraded equipment on 1,540 miles of lines. But as of last summer, there were 40,000 miles of bare power lines in high fire-risk areas, the report found.

"Even if all of the improvements

they completed in 2020 consisted of replacing bare power lines in high fire-threat areas with covered or underground lines, they would have addressed only 4% of such lines," Tilden wrote.

In written responses included in the report, the agencies in some instances challenged factual assertions and in others noted that many of the suggested changes require legislative action.

The audit carries no authority other than to inform the Legislature. ■

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File No.: 290398
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/2022.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 290587
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Redwood City, CA 94062
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 22-2022.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
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CASE NO. 22-PRO-00279
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,

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A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/21/22 at 9:00AM in Dept. PROBATE/DEPT 11 located at 400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Upcoming Menlo Park meetings

The city of Menlo Park will be hosting another community meeting for its 2023-31 housing plans on April 5, this time focusing on the environmental justice and safety elements.

"The community meeting will present neighborhood profiles that highlight local pollution burdens and population characteristics," according to the city. "There will also be an overview of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, which assesses hazard

vulnerabilities and ways to reduce potential risks."

Interested participants can attend the meeting in person at the City Council Chambers at 701 Laurel Street or online. To attend the meeting online, go to bit.ly/3Dnz3i5.

The city will also be holding a housing commission meeting on Wednesday, April 6, and the fifth hearing of the independent redistricting commission on Thursday, April 7. Information on how to attend the meetings can be found on the citywide calendar at beta.menlopark.org/citywide-calendar. ■

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in learning a foreign language, how to play a new instrument or trying out a new workout class? No matter your interests, this guide has something to help you make the most of the longer, warmer days ahead.

The Class Guide is published quarterly by the Palo Alto Weekly and The Almanac.

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2100 Geng Road, Suite 210, Palo Alto

650-619-2214 / info@careergenerations.com / careergenerations.com

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Webster Street Studio, 2326 Webster St., Palo Alto 650-269-0423 / artandsoul.paloalto@gmail.com / artandsoulpa.com

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Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View

650-917-6800 / info@arts4all.org / arts4all.org

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The Midpen Media Center

900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto

650-494-8686 / info@midpenmedia.org / midpenmedia.org/workshops

The center offers workshops for a range of media arts, including video production, photo enhancement, studio work and more. In-person summer camp programs begin in July.

Music Together Menlo Park

75 Arbor Road, Suite N, Menlo Park

650-799-1624 / admin@mt-mp.com / mt-mp.com

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New Mozart School of Music

2100 El Camino Real, Suite C, Palo Alto

650-324-2373 / info@newmozartschool.com / newmozartschool.com

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650-321-3494 / info@oldworlddesigns.com / oldworlddesigns.com

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668 Ramona St., Palo Alto

650-321-3891 / info@pacificartleague.org / pacificartleague.org

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Silicon Valley Boychoir

600 Homer Ave., Palo Alto svboychoir.org / info@svboychoir.org

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3921 Fabian Way, Suite A023, Palo Alto

650-858-6990 / bayareafc.org / office@bayareafc.org

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Sequoia District Adult School

3247 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park

650-306-8866 / seqsas.org

Sequoia District Adult Education holds classes in English as a second language and computer and business skills. Students can also earn a high school diploma or GED certificate. Counselors are available to help students transition to college programs.

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650-272-5000 / penvol.org/littlehouse

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The Class Guide is published quarterly in the Almanac. Descriptions of classes offered in Menlo Park, Atherton, Portola Valley and Woodside are free, subject to editing and given priority.

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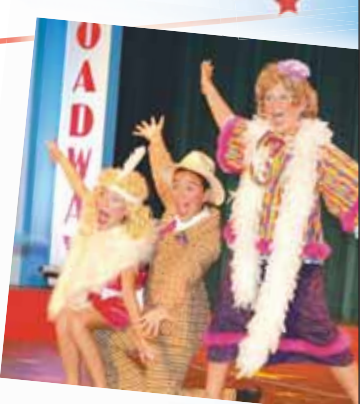
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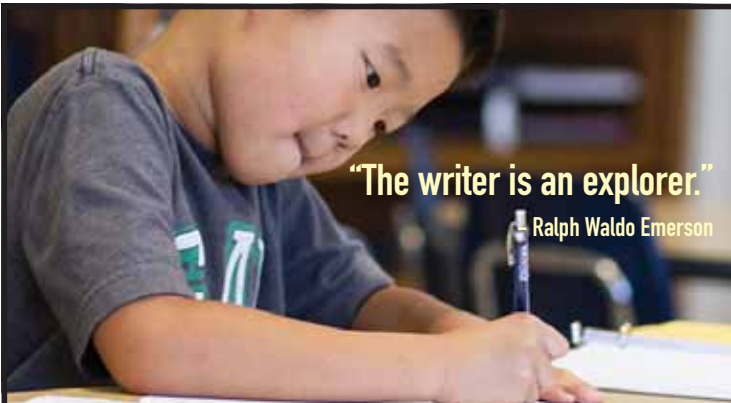




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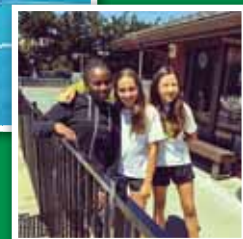
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Parks' people

Portraits by renowned
photographer Gordon
Parks on display at
Cantor Arts Center

By Sheryl Nonnenberg

The last of three exhibitions celebrating the Capital Group Foundation's 2019 gift of 1,000 prints by renowned American photographers is now on view at the Cantor Arts Center. Entitled "Gordon Parks: A Loaded Camera," the show features a selection of mainly portraits created by the renowned photographer, filmmaker and author. It's a somber, serious show that reflects Parks' desire to use his camera, as he explained, "as a weapon against poverty, against racism, against all sorts of social wrongs."

When asked how she culled this exhibition from the 68 Parks photographs in the gift, curator Elizabeth Mitchell explained, "I wanted the exhibition to foreground his work as a portraitist, and so I looked for photographs that told clear stories through strong figurative compositions."

Parks, who bought his first camera at a pawnshop in his native Kansas, was a self-taught photographer. Greatly influenced by the social realism of the New Deal's Farm Security Administration photographers, Parks saw a career in the medium as a way out of the poverty and segregation he experienced as a youth.

He began as a freelance photographer, then eventually became the first African American person on the staff of Life Magazine. His two decades of work at Life spanned an impressive range of subjects, from Harlem gangs to fashion photographs of rich and famous celebrities. "Those commissions and assignments may not have been as disparate to him then as they seem to us now," noted Mitchell. "They were opportunities for him to visually explore focused stories within broader subjects that interested him."

The gelatin silver prints are arranged by themes such as poverty, gang wars, racial tension and segregation and cover the decades from the 1940s to 1960s. These are

fine examples of "straight" photography in which no fancy lenses or darkroom manipulations are used. We see what Parks saw and experienced, and the resulting prints create a visceral reaction for the viewer, perhaps because the issues remain relevant today.

The tragic toll of gang warfare is seen in "The Funeral of Maurice Gaines" (1948). The 15-year-old is laid out in a casket lined with white satin. Two of his young friends stand beside him, looking stunned that someone so young could be dead.

Whether he was capturing the

"Malcolm X" (1963) captures the Black Muslim leader at a rally, his hand raised in order to drive home a point. It's a study in black-and-white contrasts, made powerful by the completely dark background. While this portrait captures Malcolm X as a powerful orator, Parks took a different approach when photographing Muhammad Ali in 1965. The often bombastic fighter is seen here in a close-up of his upper body, appearing pensive and quiet. "This is an incredibly elegant and intimate portrait," commented Mitchell. "It is a fantastic example of how Parks allowed his subjects to be themselves and express their own stories."

Noted author Langston Hughes posed for Parks in 1941. He gazes directly at the camera, while his right hand rests against a window, as if trying to gain access. Parks' use of contrasts and shadows makes this a dramatic depiction of a writer who strove to capture the Black experience in America.

Parks took numerous pictures of Duke Ellington, famed jazz musician, often while performing. The print in this exhibition, dated 1960, shows the musician deep in thought, gazing skyward as his face is reflected in the raised piano lid.

Parks explained his wide range of portrait subjects in this way, "They are of people I have admired and felt at ease with." One of the most unusual prints in the show focuses on actress Ingrid Bergman. It was taken while Bergman was filming a movie on the Italian island of Stromboli in 1949. She was at the center of a scandal after leaving her husband for director Roberto Rossellini; it was an international cause célèbre, with the actress facing the wrath of both the press and public. She stands in the foreground, looking to the side, while a group of Italian women in the background stop to stare at her. It is a dream-like, surreal image – even somewhat menacing. It is clear that the women are standing



Courtesy the Gordon Parks Foundation

chaotic, dangerous life of the Midtowners gang members or the poverty of the Fontenelle family, there is a quiet intensity in Park's work. He does not show us the cause of the issues so much as the aftermath that his subjects must live with.

It is in his portraits of individuals that we can clearly see Parks' ability to move seamlessly in a variety of social circles, as well as his adeptness at gaining the trust of his subjects. Parks explained his approach toward portraiture in the retrospective catalog "Half Past Autumn": "I attempted to intertwine their personalities with their professions."



Courtesy the Gordon Parks Foundation

Above: Langston Hughes, Chicago, Illinois, 1941. Gelatin silver print by Gordon Parks. Left: Duke Ellington Listening to Playback, Los Angeles, California, 1960. Gelatin silver print by Gordon Parks.

in judgment of her, but Bergman appears strong and defiant.

Parks' most iconic portrait is "American Gothic" (1942). It is an early work and one that he carefully composed. Ella Watson worked as a cleaner at the FSA building in Washington, DC. After conversing with her and learning about her life story, Parks asked Watson to pose with her broom and mop in front of the American flag. This powerful picture has become emblematic of the fight for dignity and civil rights for Black citizens of this country. When Parks showed the photograph to his boss, his response was, "that picture could get us all fired." Parks wrote in his retrospective catalog, "Washington now had a black charwoman, standing erectly with mop and broom before the American flag. Her title: American Gothic."

Always an innovator, Parks was an early practitioner of color photography. He explained, "I tend to use color when it dominates, while certain photographers feel that only black and white expresses the real truth of the subject matter." In

"Snow, White Plains" from 1958, Parks honed in on how the color blue can add an icy fridity to a wintry landscape. Pictured is a long patio table, surrounded by 10 metal chairs, a snow-covered reminder of summer days and eating outside. The accumulation of snow on the table makes it resemble a coffin and the wrought-iron chairs appear ghostly thanks to the blue hue of the print.

Now that the Capital Group gift has been celebrated with three single-themed exhibitions, the Cantor will draw from it for future group shows. Josie Johnson, Capital Group Fellow for Photography, will curate "Reality Makes Them Dream: American Photography, 1929-1941," scheduled for March 28 to July 30 of 2023.

Gordon Parks: A Loaded Camera is on display through July 3. The Cantor Arts Center is located at 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. For more information, visit museum.stanford.edu. ■

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Food & Drink

Cooking through California

Skylonda resident Erin Gleeson's new cookbook is inspired by family road trips

By Anthony Shu

New York Times bestselling author and artist Erin Gleeson is known for The Forest Feast, a series of cookbooks and merchandise that combines watercolor, photography and simple vegetarian recipes. Gleeson's latest cookbook, "The Forest Feast Road Trip," coincidentally arrives at a time when the pandemic has popularized traveling by car. The work inspires wanderlust through a journey around California, including stops at 10 stunning vacation homes ranging from a cabin on a lavender farm to a yurt with an outdoor kitchen overlooking Los Angeles.

However, the Skylonda resident makes one thing clear: Her latest work is a personal journal of lessons learned and recipes inspired by California, not a guidebook.

Gleeson started The Forest Feast as a blog after a career as a food photographer in New York City, where she also taught photography classes. Unhappy with the font choices available to her when designing her website, Gleeson eventually decided to paint titles in her own handwriting and lay them over her photography. In "The Forest Feast Road Trip," that means that watercolor beets dance across images of the beach picnic that inspired a beet hummus recipe. Blood oranges are superimposed onto a San Diego sunset.

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The main road trip behind the book occurred in the summer of 2019. Gleeson had previously written one travel cookbook, "The Forest Feast Mediterranean," and she and her husband Jonathan Prosnit were brainstorming ideas for their next trip. A cross-country journey became overwhelming, so they instead set out to visit the many parts of California that they had never seen. Prosnit laid out the route, which encompassed 2,500 miles within the state. Starting at the couple's scenic home in the Santa Cruz Mountains, they traveled down south to Los Angeles, east through Big Bear Lake and the eastern Sierra, and north through Lassen. Shorter trips to destinations like Joshua Tree and San Diego rounded out the book.

Most of these travels were completed before the pandemic started, but Gleeson recognizes how the safety and relative affordability of road-tripping in California have become more appealing. "We're obviously lucky to live in California with access to so many diverse places within a day's drive," she says.

Considering herself an artist more than a cook or recipe developer, Gleeson writes visually stunning but easy-to-prepare recipes that usually have five or fewer ingredients. "I feel like I'm (driven by color) when creating the recipes and also trying to think a lot about shape," she says in reference to a salad that pairs spheres of watermelon with whole yellow cherry tomatoes. This visual focus is also reflected in recipes like rings of roasted delicata squash drizzled with tahini and pink pancakes made with pancake mix thrown into a blender with a beet.

Throughout Gleeson's



Magali Gauthier

"The Forest Feast Road Trip" cookbook author and artist Erin Gleeson at her home in Skylonda on March 17.

travels, which involved several stops at farms owned by friends, even the smallest moment could inspire a recipe. For example, the family picked apricots at a Santa Barbara ranch, sinking their teeth into fresh fruit while running through the orchard. When a meal of breakfast burritos at Gleeson's aunt and uncle's house lacked salsa the next morning, the apricots became apricot salsa, enjoyed on a beachfront deck after a morning swim.

Despite the simplicity of these recipes and the whimsical nature

of these watercolor fruits and vegetables, the travels behind "The Forest Feast Road Trip" inspired growth among Gleeson's family. Reading the introduction, which Gleeson calls "the hardest pages in the book," reveals a number of reflections. Gleeson was inspired by efforts to preserve traditional foods and crops at the Paiute Cultural Center, confronted this country's xenophobia at the former internment camp of Manzanar, and witnessed the essential contributions of migrant farmworkers at each photogenic field of kale or orchard of almond trees inserted into the book's pages.

The writing process also included a major transition in Gleeson's life, as she and her husband Jonathan welcomed their third child, Winnie, during the pandemic. Needing to care for Winnie while overseeing distance learning for Max, 5, and Ezra, 7, Gleeson pushed back the book's release, working on it late at night after the children went to bed.

While some might be wary of traveling with young children, they are a motivator for Gleeson's travels. The book is dedicated to Winnie. "I feel like their little minds are developing so much ... it's important for them to see different places and try different foods and see where things are

growing," she says.

Gleeson highlights the most powerful moment of her travels as a surprise stop at a lavender farm named De La Cour Ranch. Run by a woman named Julie who grew up near Alice's Restaurant in Woodside, this ranch was visually stunning and provided a chance to appreciate California's history. "(Julie) was telling us about some of the Native American culture, the people who lived there before her, and how she felt the history being there, and you kind of could, too," Gleeson says. "It was just this really magical spot."

Above all else, Gleeson learned a lesson that many others have during the pandemic about the joy of driving off and exploring your surroundings. "Once you settle into a long drive, the thoughts of everyday life turn to white noise and your mind becomes serene," she writes. ■

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"The Forest Feast Road Trip" is a journal of lessons learned and recipes inspired by her family's recent travels around California.

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