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City's new bike overpass to Baylands opens

Path that crosses 101 in south Palo Alto was 10 years in the making

By Lloyd Lee

As a coalition of cycling groups, community members, city employees and company representatives gathered on the Baylands side of the new pedestrian bridge over U.S. Highway 101 on Nov. 20, officials from the city, county and state couldn't help but repeat one message in their speeches before they opened the path with a ribbon cutting: Finally.

"After a year and a half of construction that included 13 million pounds of concrete, 1 million pounds of structural steel and 7,000 feet of electrical and fiber optic cable ... we can definitely say now that the bridge is tangible and real," Palo Alto Public Works Director Brad Eggleston said.

The new overpass will provide year-round access to the Baylands, the new Adobe Reach trail and other outdoor amenities. Spanning 1,400 feet between the West and East Bayshore Road landings with a 12-foot-wide pathway, the bridge replaces the Benjamin Lefkowitz underpass, which was only open six months a year, on average, due to seasonal flooding.

"I've been looking forward to this since last year," said Jeff Shusterman, a Mountain View resident and longtime cyclist who brought his bike for the occasion. That anticipation was tenfold for the former and current city council members who came, including former Mayor Liz Kniss and Alison Cormack, to witness the city's decadelong work finally come to fruition.

In his speech, Mayor Tom DuBois recognized that many years went into planning and gathering the funds — so much so that the (continued on page 7)

LAND USE

Housing near Caltrain?

Stanford’s proposal nets mixed reaction

By Gennady Sheyner

For decades, the transit center in downtown Palo Alto has served as a focal point in the city’s ambitious plans for office developments, housing construction and railway improvements.

Now, with the city drafting a plan to accommodate 6,086 new dwellings between 2023 and 2031, the site is once again in the spotlight. Stanford University, which owns the property, had identified it as one of three sites that could collectively accommodate about 1,000 apartments, along with a site on Pasteur Drive, near the Stanford University Medical Center, and the property at 3128 El Camino Real, which is near Palo Alto Square and which currently houses a McDonald’s restaurant.

Of the three, the University Avenue site that includes the Palo Alto Transit Center holds the most potential, given its role as a gateway between Stanford and downtown Palo Alto and its status as the city’s area most-laden with public transit.

Yet it is also the biggest wildcard, given the city’s ever-evolving plans for redesigning its rail crossings, an effort that may involve realigning the Palo Alto Avenue crossing so that the street would no longer intersect with the tracks.

“This site is like a gold mine for us,” Planning Director Jonathan Lait said at a recent discussion of adding housing to the transit center site. “It wants to do everything that we want to do in Palo Alto because of its proximity to transit. I think there are so many interests in how it might be developed — not just from the housing standpoint but (continued on page 10)
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bridge has gone through a few City Council transitions, he noted. “We actually approved this four years ago, next week, when we finally gave it the final go-ahead,” DuBois said Saturday. “That was back when we had nine council members.”

Eggleston recalled when Kniss, a strong proponent of the project, once dubbed the overpass the “mythical bridge.”

State Sen. Josh Becker, D-Menlo Park, and Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian also shared their own anecdotes about the lengthy timeline for the bridge. Simitian suggested that the timeframe was really 10 years longer because the county provided a $5.5 million grant from its Stanford Recreation Mitigation Fund that dates back to the year 2000.

“You’ve heard this described as a 10-year effort in the making,” Simitian said. “What I would say is that it’s actually a 20-year effort in the making because those mitigation funds go all the way back to the year 2000, and they were set aside for a then not-yet determined purpose.”

The final price tag of the bridge was $23.1 million, which became a sore point for some residents. Funding came from several sources, including a $1 million grant from Google and a $4.35 million investment the city is expected to receive from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s One Bay Area Grant Program.

Along with the higher-than-anticipated costs, some residents also began to view the bridge as yet another emblem of the bureaucratic nightmare many developers have come to expect in Palo Alto. In 2015, the city scrapped a design by Moffatt and Nichol and eventually ended up with a new firm, Biggs Cardosa Associates Inc.

Some of those frustrations were palpable for Megha Bansal, the city’s senior engineer since 2015 and the project manager for the bridge. Most recently, she had to deal with the construction delays stemming from material transport issues and supply shortages due to the pandemic.

“Before COVID, the only thing we did was the removal of vegetation,” she said.

Bansal said that the overpass came with many constraints because it touched upon multiple jurisdictions. That point was made clear just by the ceremony’s attendees on Saturday. Representatives from the county, Caltrans, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Valley Transportation Authority and even employees from Google made an appearance since part of the construction fell on the company’s property.

“There were all these requirements from all the agencies,” she said. “It was a multijurisdictional process.”

During broad daylight, the bridge’s most distinctive feature is its rust-brown steel trusses above the highway and Adobe Creek. According to Roy Schnabel, managing principal at Biggs Cardosa, the color can be attributed to the self-weathering steel. The material is intended to rust over time, he said, so that a protective coating is created and prevents the bridge from further rusting.

“It’s supposed to look like that and it’s supposed to rust,” Schnabel said. “It’s earthly.”

But at night, the frame of the bridge blends into the night sky and mostly appears as a cross-section of faint, dotted lights. Eggleston said that LED lights were installed in a way to reduce the amount of light pollution and avoid disturbing the surrounding wildlife. Throughout the walkway, for example, the LED lights are pointed downward so that they will only serve to light up a pedestrian’s or cyclist’s path and nowhere else, Eggleston said.

The overpass will be a convenient access point for south Palo Altans, but its use will certainly extend to residents throughout the Bay Area. Multiple cycling groups including Bike Palo Alto, Western Wheelers Bicycle Club and Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, whose memberships span across the Midpeninsula and south bay, came to witness the opening Saturday.

Diana Crumedy, a member of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition and a San Jose resident, described how it’s always a mental feat to “retrain” the mind to not be afraid of passing cars after participating in bike marathons with blocked-off roads or having protected bike lanes. But with the new bridge, she and many other cyclists from San Jose will have a safe route to look forward to in Palo Alto.

“This is the opportunity for people to have that same experience — to feel that safety of being able to ride their bike without being concerned with being hit by a car,” Crumedy said.

After the fanfare of the opening ceremony, which also came with free ice cream, the bridge became packed with pedestrians. Many cyclists had to resort to walking their bikes. Robert Neff, member of the Palo Alto Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee, said the real test will be July 4, after the fireworks show in Mountain View that draws thousands of spectators.

But as the afternoon approached and the crowds died down, the bridge became a serene destination for pedestrians to take in the view of the Baylands and for cyclists to swiftly cross the highway. A toddler on his bicycle led the way for his family — including the dad who rode his bike with his daughter in the front carriage — as he made his way up the access ramp, going west to east. Even Cormack took advantage of the bridge that Saturday, riding her bike down the bridge with glee.

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News Digest

County supes pick new district boundaries

In a tight 3-2 vote, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors agreed to move forward with new boundaries for the county’s five supervisorial districts, shifting the balance of power and significantly altering representation in the northern end of the county.

Redrawing the boundaries happens every 10 years following the U.S. Census, and helps preserve the voting power of residents by balancing population between the five districts. But supervisors opted to do more than that, taking extra steps to consider racial balance in each district and prioritize boundaries that don’t split cities into more than one district.

The map that ultimately prevailed on Nov. 16, dubbed the “yellow” or “unity” map (see above), took steps to meet both those objectives, but it also faced significant criticism. Residents opposed to the yellow map contested it was drawn with political motivations in mind and amounts to gerrymandering, with the south county district losing Los Gatos and Almaden Valley.

The yellow map will advance with only minor changes ahead of the state-mandated redistricting process. District 5, which includes Mountain View and Palo Alto, will no longer include any part of Sunnyvale. Instead, the district will creep farther south past Saratoga to include Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and part of San Jose.

The map won out against numerous other options, including one proposed by county Supervisor Joe Simitian that sought minimal changes over today’s boundaries.

Another hearing on the proposed redistricting map is expected on Dec. 7, followed shortly thereafter with final approval. — Kevin Forestieri

Burglars steal $50K in jewelry heist

Three people took an estimated $50,000 in gold and silver from a downtown Palo Alto jewelry store in a brazen smash-and-grab burglary early Thursday morning, police Lt. Con Maloney said.

The burglars smashed a glass front door at De Novo Fine Contemporary Jewelry at 250 University Ave. at about 12:50 a.m. on Nov. 18. A nearby security guard heard the commotion and called the police. Two people entered the store while a third person waited in a getaway car on Ramona Street.

Once inside, the burglars smashed three large jewelry cases and stole bracelets, earrings, rings and necklaces. They fled in what appeared to be a light blue minivan of an unknown make and model, Maloney said. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle and its passengers, Maloney said.

Police have obtained video of the heist. Investigators don’t know the gender of the two burglars.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the department’s 24-hour dispatch center at 650-329-2413. — Sue Dreman

Rendu

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the parents learn how to encourage and support their children through parenting workshops. “Most of the students are from Mexico and we have a different culture. The sisters help the mothers to learn life here and to get better educated,” she said.

Del Rio said the classes have taught her to manage stress and to listen to her children. The camaraderie with other women builds a sense of shared community.

Before arriving at Rosalie Rendu, she was interested in learning English despite having lived in California for many years. There wasn’t much incentive since she could get by through interpreters or her children. Then she partnered on school projects with mothers who came to the center, and it changed her life.

“One I started, I couldn’t stop,” Del Rio, a dark-haired mother of four, said while sitting at the spacious dining room table at the center’s home, located at 2345 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto.

Now in her third year, Del Rio often held back asking questions at her children’s schools. “I could only say ‘My name is Gloria,’” she recalled.

Now she feels more confident and is an active part of the school community.

“I have to ask for an interpreter at the school and at the doctor’s now. We don’t feel embarrassed,” she said. “Before, I was hiding. I just did what I had to do.”

Del Rio said the center has helped her become less dependent on her husband and children. With her command of English, she is now free to get what she needs by herself, such as when shopping at the store.

“My family is proud. I’m doing something for me. Maybe it’s a good example for them to see me practice. They know I’m here and it teaches them to be brave and be a participant,” she said.

Del Rio’s example has helped inspire her children to be high achievers. One son attends University of California Davis and is studying biochemical engineering; her daughter is studying to be a dentist. Her other two sons are a sophomore and freshman attending Menlo School.

Del Rio has also used her language powers to protect her community and not be a victim.

“Once, there was an ice cream man and I saw two boys were trying to rob him in the apartments. I called the police,” she said.

Another time, Del Rio was in a car crash, and the other person...
left the scene when Del Rio asked to exchange driver’s license and insurance information. Del Rio again called the police. Officers traced the license plate number she managed to write down, went to that woman’s home and brought her back to give Del Rio the information, she said. Having such language abilities and understanding the system is empowering, she said.

Like its students, the center has gone through its own challenges. In late 2019, just as the pandemic began, the center lost its longtime location at the Carriage Manor Apartments.

Every day, Sister Trinitas prayed, asking God to help her find a new location, she said. One day in spring 2020, she learned that a student named Marina had moved to Nevada to be near her family after her husband’s death. She was selling her house and wasn’t coming back to East Palo Alto.

“If you asked me, ‘Will you sell it to me?’ And three weeks later, we signed on the dotted line,” Sister Trinitas Hernandez, executive director of Rosalie Rendu Center, said. “The good Lord sent us this house. I feel deep in my heart that it is a miracle.”

Sister Trinitas Hernandez, executive director of Rosalie Rendu Center, and Maria Lozano, right, the center’s instructional program director and an ESL teacher, are photographed in front of the house the nonprofit operates out of in East Palo Alto on Nov. 16.

The center’s parents. The center purchased its house and yard took time and many financial resources and volunteers help. The students needed to know how to download Zoom onto their phones in order to continue learning English through remote classes. The first week was uneven but by the second week things were running smoothly, said Maria Lozano, program director.

The center created a remote tutoring program that matches college and high school students to the younger children of the center’s parents. The center purchased a three-month subscription to Kiwi Kits, a hands-on science kit, for 22 children, which were delivered to the children’s homes, with classes continuing on Zoom this school year.

StreetCode Academy, another East Palo Alto nonprofit organization, lent the center laptops to meet all of the student’s needs. The center’s volunteer computer teacher downloaded software on the laptops, put together an instructional video and helped students connect to their home internet networks.

Rosalie Rendu Center has provided emergency funding to families for food and rent who were without jobs due to the pandemic. It also contracted with One Life Counseling Center to offer counseling services to parents who need professional support and who are facing housing, health and jobs challenges during the pandemic, Lozano said.

The center used its $5,000 Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund grant to purchase indoor and outdoor furniture and accessories and classroom items for the new location and for equipment and a daily cleaning service to keep the center sanitized against COVID-19.

Recently, student Silvia Monaco and volunteer Susan Stulz sat at a backyard table in the verdant garden conversing mostly in English. The one-on-one conversation sessions are beneficial to both women. Stulz, of Los Altos Hills, wanted to learn Spanish, while Monaco needed to improve her English to get a better job.

A hospital nurse in her native El Salvador, she now works in Bay Area senior congregate care communities. Finding a job has sometimes been difficult because she didn’t speak English well, she said, and part of caring for any patient involves communication.

As a hospital nurse, gently touching and talking to patients, together with medicine, helps them to heal faster, she said. Not speaking English restricted her powers as a healer — something she hopes to remedy.

“The medicine for the people is language,” she said.

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The annual Holiday Fund charitable giving drive is in full swing, with a goal of raising $500,000 for local nonprofits serving children and families. Read more about the Holiday Fund on page 12 of this edition or go to PaloAltoOnline.com/holiday_fund.

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the transportation and sustainable interests.”

Yet any new development is guaranteed to stoke familiar arguments over height, density and parking restrictions. In presenting their concept for the transit center site, Stanford University leaders made it clear that any new development would go well above the city’s current height and parking limits and would likely require the city to relax its density and parking regulations. The most conservative alternative presented by Stanford calls for a seven-story building with a height of 75 to 85 feet, with the bottom two stories devoted to parking, and able to accommodate between 180 and 270 apartments. A slightly more ambitious concept includes a 105-foot-tall building — the same height as Hoover Pavilion — with between 360 and 425 apartments.

The most intense alternative would feature a 137-foot building with between 465 and 530 apartments. In making their case to the city’s Housing Element Working Group — a panel of citizens that is helping the city craft its new housing vision — Stanford leaders argued that the site is ideally suited for greater height and density.

“It’s hard to imagine a more appropriate site for high-density housing,” Jessica von Rook, director for land use at Stanford University, said during an Oct. 21 presentation. “It’s located at the train station, it’s next to downtown, it’s across the street from Stanford Shopping Center and the Stanford campus. We are two major employment centers, and it’s a place where it also makes sense to express Stanford’s green identity.”

Yet city leaders also recognize that any major development would inevitably encounter opposition. That was the lesson they learned in 2012, when developer John Arrillaga proposed to build four office towers — some of them taller than 100 feet — along with a theater and a host of bike improvements near the transit center. The City Council quickly scuttled the plan after a public outcry about the scale of the project and the city’s lack of transparency in negotiating with Arrillaga.

In a decision that frustrated housing advocates, the panel voted 9-0 Oct. 21 to designate the transit center site in the city’s housing inventory for the 2023-2031 period. “I believe, however, that the city and Stanford should continue to collaborate on developing a longer-term plan for the site, which will likely involve housing,” said Mayor Tom DuBois.

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Ted Noguchi
February 13, 1929 – November 9, 2021

Ted (Teruo) Noguchi, a long-time resident of Palo Alto, passed away on November 9, surrounded by family.

Ted was born in Acampo, a very small town outside of Lodi on February 13, 1929 into a large family with nine children. He was the fourth son of Tokuichi & Tsukimi Noguchi. He spent his early years farming in Lodi harvesting grapes alongside his family. In his teenage years during World War II, he and his family were sent to Internment Camps at Jerome, Arkansas and Tule Lake, California.

After the war, he finished school and enlisted in the U.S. Army as an interpreter. He was fluent in Japanese but still learned English while serving in Japan’s Army as an interpreter. He was fluent in Japanese but still

The decision on whether to include the downtown transit center in the city’s housing plans will ultimately fall to the City Council, which is scheduled to adopt the Housing Element next fall. Early signs suggest that Stanford’s proposal will be a hard sell. A council ad hoc committee made up of Mayor Tom DuBois and council members Eric Fehr and Greer Lait said last month that they would not support the new housing at 27 University Ave.

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Ted Noguchi was born in Acampo, California. He attended USF University and received a Master’s in Public Administration. He was the first city with designated bicycle lanes on city streets. Ted became the City of Palo Alto’s Traffic Engineer and the city’s most popular option for Caltrain passengers wait for their northbound train arrives at the downtown Palo Alto train station on July 24, 2019. The biggest issue for the major developments in the works is height. Stanford University is suggesting that for the development to be financially feasible, the city would have to lower its parking standards, which typically require one parking space for each studio and one-bedroom apartment and two parking spaces for two or more bedrooms.

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Of all the things Eric was involved with, accomplished and enjoyed — and there were many of each — his role as father and husband was, for him, by far the most important and fulfilling. He met his wife, Jean, on a blind date in 1989. They married August 3, 1990, and built a partnership and family that was absolutely at the core of their 30+ years together. Their son, Ryan, was born in 1994, and Connor followed in 1997. Nothing brought Eric more joy or pride than this foursome.

Eric loved the role of teacher and mentor across his life, and particularly with his sons. He shared and instructed Ryan and Connor in the outdoor activities he loved so much, and the family spent much of their spare time fishing, hunting, skiing, hiking and traveling. He taught them golf, the etiquette and mechanics, analyzing swings and hole play and providing tips for improvement.

He shared his love of music with live concert attendance starting when the boys were very young, evolving from jazz, ZZ Top and Elton John to Rolling Stones, Eagles, W3 & Fire concerts to Metallica and AC/DC. He knew and loved all things fast, from motorcycles and racing cars, and introduced dirt biking to his sons.

Like everything else his boys showed an interest in, Eric embraced Roy Boys Scout, becoming a Troop 37 Assistant Scoutmaster, leading annual backpacking trips to the Sutter Buttes, and guiding fishing expeditions. He taught the shotgun merit badge for years and helped in the development of a rifle range at BSAs Camp Oljato. A former Scout himself, Eric was incredibly proud of his two Eagle Scout sons. He also traveled to many, many sports matches in which his boys played, always serving as an informal “team photographer.” A SJ Sharks season ticket holder since their inaugural season and hockey player in his youth, Eric especially loved watching Connor in goal for Bellarmine College Prep and his club team.

Born in Michigan to Gerald and Shirley Lund Young, Eric grew up in the Midwest and western New York with his parents and sister, Heidi. The family moved seven times in five states as his father pursued a steel industry career, after which Eric lived in six more cities before settling in Palo Alto in 1987. Eric attended high school in Ohio and New York. At Cornell University, he earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering and was a proud member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Then, knowing he was interested in a more broad-based business career, Eric attended Northwestern’s MBA program.

At Northwestern, Eric was recruited by General Electric, initially working in sales, marketing, and as General Manager for one of their Bay Area turbine companies. When offered a role in GE’s brand-new venture capital group, Eric jumped at the chance. He opened their West Coast office, returning him to the Bay Area he loved, and Silicon Valley, which held so many tech-based investment opportunities. Five years later, he and three partners spun out of GE and founded Canaan Partners, where he was a General Partner for 32 years.

At Canaan, Eric loved helping build organizations and developing leaders — both internally at Canaan, and with the firms in which they invested. Culture was incredibly important to him, and he fostered organizations built on positive values and a belief that every person should be listened to, respected and appreciated. He set a standard of excellence and integrity. For his colleagues, “Eric was and will always be the heart and soul of Canaan.”

Eric’s passion for entrepreneurship, experiential education and mentoring along with his venture capital mentality informed a broad range of involvements — including many for which he saw a need, developed a plan and provided seed funding to get the opportunity going. At Bellarmine, where he regularly spoke to students about venture capital, he identified a need for more technical education and hands-on experience, so worked with school administration to create an Innovation and Design Program with both curriculum enhancements and a student Innovation Lab.

At his and his son Connor’s alma mater, Cornell, Eric was a pillar of the entrepreneurship community for 25+ years. He served as an active Advisory Council member to the Entrepreneurship at Cornell program, most recently as vice-chair. His input was deemed invaluable, and he helped lead the fundraising efforts to build a new co-working space for student entrepreneurs.

Noting that PhD students often lacked opportunities to get out of the lab and do real customer discovery on their inventions, Eric also helped define and establish the Cornell PhD Commercialization Fellows program to directly address this deficit. He served on several other advisory boards including the College of Engineering Council and Red Bear Angels. Eric was also a top-rated guest lecturer on entrepreneurship for two decades and mentored undergraduate and graduate students through six different Cornell programs.

At Northeastern University, where his son, Ryan, studied, Eric was introduced to Scout, a student-led design studio providing design services to early-stage ventures in the university’s entrepreneurship program. Eric believed Scout’s designers should think of themselves as entrepreneurial leaders, not just great designers. Over many years, he mentored Scout’s leaders on using an entrepreneurial mind-set to drive their organizations as they helped clients develop distinctive brands and take products to market. The students responded with great innovation and energy. Eric always delighted in their personal growth; they were honored by the keen interest he showed in them. Eric was also one of the founders of Mosaic, the network of student-led organizations bringing innovation and entrepreneurship across Northeastern. He served for many years on the Mosaic Council and the President’s West Coast Council.

At both universities, as well as Stanford and Northwestern’s Kellogg, Eric showed clearly how much he loved to interact with students — often staying well past a scheduled talk to answer questions and discuss their business ideas both ad hoc and via structured programs. He continued to actively mentor individual students after they graduated college as they became successful entrepreneurs.

Across his involvements and successes, Eric was known for his kindness, generosity, humility and integrity. Colleagues, entrepreneurs and students alike uniformly commented on the genuine interest he took in projects, opportunities and hurdles, giving generously of both time and knowledge. He listened intently and respectfully, absorbing and analyzing information until the end, then offered insightful comments and always-constructive feedback. He was honest without judgment, and made people feel like valued equals. These were the key attributes that made people seek him out.

Retirement was prime time for Eric to do all the things he loved: spending time with their black lab, Maverick, taking numerous fishing and hunting trips every year, and traveling, all with Jean, their sons, and friends. Eric’s face beamed with unmitigated joy as he shared his passions with those most important to him.

Eric’s sons have benefited from a lifetime of lessons and love and will always remember his teaching the importance of a strong work ethic, being accountable, and, again, acting with integrity. When asked about his accomplishments, Eric replied “proud father of two fine young men.”

Eric is survived by his love, partner, and wife of 30 years, Jean, his sons, Ryan and Connor, his sister, Heidi Young Nash (Tim), and nephew and nieces Sean, Kristen, and Meredith Nash. He will be remembered and missed by many friends, colleagues, and others who had the chance to interact with him across his many involvements.

The memorial service will be private, by invitation only due to space constraints. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to one of his favorite causes: Cornell University [Entrepreneurship @ Cornell], Northeastern University [Scout Fund], BSA Camp Oljato [Fund #1442 through Silicon Valley Community Foundation] or California Wildlife Foundation [Wetlands Fund: Lower Klamath Refuge Project].
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Non-profits:
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Application deadline: January 14, 2022

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The Thanksgiving Play & Eight Nights
The Pear Theatre presents two nontraditional holiday plays running in repertory: Larissa FastHorse’s “The Thanksgiving Play,” a satire about a group of white people trying to plan a school Thanksgiving pageant that isn’t offensive to Native American people and Jennifer Maisel’s “Eight Nights,” which follows a woman who survived the Holocaust through eight decades of Hanukkah celebrations.
Where: The Pear, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View.
Info: thepear.org.

Terrible Adult Chamber Orchestra Holiday Sing-along
The Terrible Adult Chamber Orchestra (TACO) performs Christmas and Hanukkah music. The Community Women’s Chorus will join TACO and lead a free public singalong.
When: Nov. 28, 3-4:30 p.m.
Where: Mountain View Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.
Info: tacov.org.

Pacific Ballet Academy’s “The Nutcracker”
When: Nov. 26, 6 p.m.; Nov. 27, 1 and 6 p.m.; Nov. 28 children’s performance, noon, and sensory-friendly performance, 2 p.m.
Where: Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.
Info: mvpca.com.

Performances

The Christmas Ballet Smuin Ballet presents its Christmas-themed performance, incorporating classical ballet and contemporary dance with traditional carols and pop favorites.
When: Dec. 2-3, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 4, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 5, 2 p.m.
Where: Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.
Info: smuinballet.org.

Every Brilliant Thing
Los Altos Stage Company presents a one-person show that celebrates the things that make life worth living — in a surprising, personal story that delves into depression, suicide, grief, healing and falling in love.
When: Dec. 3-19.
Where: Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.
Info: losaltostage.org.
Friends of Music at Stanford Holiday Musicale 2021

The Friends of Music at Stanford present their annual holiday showcase with performances by Department of Music soloists and ensembles, including the Stanford Philharmonia and the Stanford Chamber Chorale.

**When:** Dec. 4, 2:30-4 p.m.
**Where:** Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford.
**Info:** music.stanford.edu.

California Bach Society

A performance of the seldom-heard “Weinachtshistorie” (“Christmas Story”) by 17th-century composer Heinrich Schütz for six-part choir, soloists and Baroque ensemble. The concert also features a retrospective of favorites from the society’s “Christmas Around the World” concerts, with songs, carols, and choral works.

**When:** Dec. 4, 8 p.m.
**Where:** All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto.
**Info:** calbach.org.

Holiday Traditions Concert

The Bay Choral Guild performs modern settings of carols from Britain, Central and South America, a choral arrangement of Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Suite and Christmas compositions, including the premiere of Sanford Dole’s “Peace on Earth.”

**When:** Dec. 4, 8 p.m.
**Where:** First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto.
**Info:** baychoralguild.org.

Holiday Handbell Concert

Bell Appeal, a group sponsored by Bethany United Methodist Church in San Francisco, performs a variety of holiday music.

**When:** Dec. 4, 1 p.m.
**Where:** 2200 Broadway, Redwood City.
**Info:** historysmc.org.

Ballet America’s Nutcracker

A shortened production of the favorite holiday ballet, coming in at one and a half hours, aims to keep the youngest audience members engaged. Featuring a cast of 75 local dancers.

**When:** Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m.; Dec. 5, 1:30 and 4 p.m.
**Where:** Carrington Hall, 1201 Brewster Ave., Redwood City.
**Info:** americanballet.com.

Ballet and Irish Music

Irish music and dance is featured in “A Celtic Christmas” Dec. 22 at the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts.

Three Bachs of Christmas

Bay Area choir Soli Deo Gloria presents Christmas music written by Johann Sebastian Bach and two of his sons, including cantatas by JS Bach, a short oratorio by J.C.F. Bach, and a Magnificat by C.P.E. Bach.

**When:** Dec. 4, 3:30 p.m
**Where:** Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley St., Palo Alto.
**Info:** sdgloria.org.

Peninsula Ballet’s Nutcrackers

Peninsula Ballet presents a trio of “Nutcracker” –

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productions: “Nutcracker Sweet,” an abridged production for young audiences; “Hip-Hop Nutcracker,” which mixes iconic pieces of the story and Tchaikovsky’s score with hip-hop dance; and a full-length production of “The Nutcracker.”

When: Nutcracker Sweet Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12, 11:30 a.m., 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.; Hip-Hop Nutcracker Dec. 17, 7 p.m. and Dec. 18, 2 p.m.; The Nutcracker Dec. 18, 7 p.m. and Dec. 19, 2 p.m.


Christmas at the Fox Singer-songwriter Brandon Pasion performs an evening of Christmas songs and original music. The night includes signature Christmas drinks and caroling.

When: Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.


When: Dec. 5, 2:30 p.m.


Gil Shaham Stanford Live presents a solo program by violinist Gil Shaham featuring pieces by Johann Sebastian Bach, Scott Wheeler, and Max Raimi.

When: Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.


Western Ballet Nutcracker The company presents the beloved holiday ballet.

When: Dec. 10, 7 p.m., Dec. 11 at 1 and 7 p.m.; Dec. 12, 1 p.m.

Where: Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Info: westernballet.org/

A Jazz Tribute to the Music of ‘A Charlie Brown Christmas’ Stanford Jazz Workshop presents a jazz tribute to the music of ‘A Charlie Brown Christmas.’


Tickets Available Online Only
General Admission $39
Youth (17 and under) $18
Student (w/ valid student ID card) $18

CAMPBELL RECITAL HALL, STANFORD UNIVERSITY
presents a tribute to Vince Guaraldi’s soundtrack album to “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” the classic 1965 TV special.

When: Dec. 10, 7 p.m.; Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 12, 2 p.m.
Where: Campbell Recital Hall, Braun Music Center, Stanford.
Info: stostanfordtickets.org.

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal: A Ceremony to Celebrate Being Together

The Peninsula Women’s Chorus presents a holiday concert featuring Alice Parker’s setting of “Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” as well as works by Brahms, Britten, other choral favorites such as “Ave Maria,” carols and seasonal songs.

When: Dec. 11, 2:30 p.m.
Where: St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto.
Info: pwchorus.org.

CSMA Merit Scholars Holiday Concert

The Community School of Music and Arts Merit Scholarship Student Ensembles perform favorite selections to celebrate the holidays.

When: Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
Where: CSMA’s Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View and streaming on CSMA’s Youtube channel.

Info: arts4all.org.

Fire & Ice Silicon Valley Boychoir presents a winter concert.

When: Dec. 12, 3:30 p.m.
Where: Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley St., Palo Alto.
Info: svboychoir.org.

Pink Martini Holiday Spectacular

Fronted by vocalist China Forbes, the band plays a mix of classical, jazz and old-fashioned pop.

When: Dec. 12, 4 p.m.
Where: Bing Concert Hall, Stanford.

Stanford Holiday Organ Concert

Stanford University organist Robert Huw Morgan presents a concert of seasonal music.

When: Dec. 12, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford.
Info: events.stanford.edu.

Ragazzi Boys Chorus

The chorus performs “Mysteries and Miracles,” a program of yuletide favorites and contemporary festive pieces. Perform in person in San Francisco and livestreamed.

When: Dec. 12, 4 p.m.
Where: Livestreamed
Info: ragazzi.org.

A Chanticleer Christmas

San Francisco’s men’s choir presents its annual holiday celebration.

When: Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Memorial Church, Stanford.

Holiday Concertos: Bach, Corelli & More

Voices of Music presents their signature holiday program of concertos, including the Bach violin concerto in A Minor BWV 1041 performed by Rachell Ellen Wong.

When: Dec. 17, 7 p.m.
Where: First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto
Info: voicesofmusic.org.

Community Gatherings and Special Events

Ernie’s Trains

John Bianco is continuing his late father’s tradition of putting on a holiday model-train display.

When: Weather permitting, five tracks will run trains every evening (except Mondays) Nov. 25

The Gingerbread Man

Palo Alto Children’s Theatre presents a storyteller-style play for young audiences.

When: Dec. 2 to 6
Where: Civic Center Plaza.
Info: 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View

Fire & Ice

Silicon Valley Boychoir presents a tribute to Vince Guaraldi.

When: Dec. 18, 10 a.m. and noon; Dec. 19, 10 a.m. and noon; Dec. 20, 10 a.m.
Where: 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.
Info: cityofpaloalto.org.

The Snow Queen

Bayer Ballet Company presents a ballet danced by young artists about a child who embarks on a magical journey to save their best friend from the spell of the Snow Queen.

When: Dec. 18, 7 p.m. and Dec. 19, 3:30 p.m.
Where: Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.
Info: bayerballet.com.

Woodside Village Band

The band performs a holiday concert.

When: Dec. 18, 7 p.m.
Where: Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road, Woodside.
Info: windband.org/woodside.

A Celtic Christmas

Irish storyteller Tomásíen Foley leads a cast of dancers and musicians in a re-creation of a night before Christmas in the west of Ireland in the 1940s, where neighbors would gather to dance and play music.

When: Dec. 22, 7 p.m.
Where: Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View
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GUzman and Sons Trucking, located at 1570 Almond Way, Morgan Hill, CA 95037, Santa Clara County.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHAT C. CHATTERTON Case No.: 21PR191188

In the matter of the estate of CHAT C. CHATTERTON, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner [Redacted] has filed a Petition to Administer the Estate of CHAT C. CHATTERTON with the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA 95110.

A hearing on the petition will be held on [Redacted].

You may wish to appear in person or by your attorney. You may examine the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate.

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. You may appear in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the representative or personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) [Redacted] from the date of first issuance of notice to a general personal representative, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a special notice of the filing of the petition.

If you wish to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law, 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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The Stanford Chamber Chorale is performing Dec. 4 with other Stanford music ensembles and soloists in the Friends of Music at Stanford holiday concert.

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Hanukkah
When: Nov. 30, 2 p.m.
Where: Online
Info: tinyurl.com/akea6626.

Hanukkah Celebration at Stanford Shopping Center A celebration that includes music and a puppet show by Octopretzel, crafts for kids, dreidel games and a candle lighting ceremony.
When: Dec. 2, 5-6:30 p.m.
Where: Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto.
Info: paloaltojcc.org.

City of Palo Alto Tree Lighting Live entertainment, tree lighting and a toy drive are featured at this city celebration.
When: Dec. 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Where: Lytton Plaza, University Avenue and Emerson Street, Palo Alto.
Info: cityofpaloalto.org.

BayLUG Holiday Show The Bay Area LEGO User Group and BayLTC, the Bay Area L-Gauge Train Club, will showcase their annual holiday miniature scene, this year with a jungle theme.
When: Dec. 4-Jan. 9 (Sat.-Sun., 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1)
Info: baylug.org.

Gamble Garden Winter Wonderland A European-style marketplace, arts and crafts for kids, free ice cream, arrangements and wreaths for sale, a vintage houseware collection sale and holiday trees for auction. Santa, the Grinch and the Snow Queen will also be on hand.
When: Dec. 3-5, 10-3:30 p.m.
Where: Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto.
Info: gamblegarden.org.

Caltrain Holiday Train Caltrain’s festive Holiday Train will make nine stops along the Peninsula, with lights, entertainment, characters and a chance for locals to donate a new, unwrapped toy to the annual toy drive.
When: Dec. 4-5
Where: The train will stop in Redwood City, 6:10 p.m., and Mountain View, 6:50 p.m., on Dec. 4 and in Menlo Park at 7:25 p.m. on Dec. 5.
Info: holiday-train.org.

Hometown Holidays Redwood City’s annual celebration includes a community parade, a snow lot, holiday vendors, and performances from local entertainers, culminating in a tree lighting.
When: Dec. 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Where: Downtown Redwood City.
Info: hometownholidays.org.

Gamble Garden Festival of Trees Visitors can stroll among holiday trees decorated by creative individuals, groups, and organizations. The event also includes wreath sales, holiday arrangements, a bake sale and music. All trees are available for purchase by silent auction to benefit Gamble Garden.
When: Dec. 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Where: Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto.
Info: gamblegarden.org.

Hanukkah Party of Lights The Jewish Baby Network hosts a virtual Hanukkah celebration with dancing, singing, puppets, blessings and a community menorah candle lighting.
When: Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m.
Where: Online.
Info: tinyurl.com/844z2sc.

Menorah Lighting at Palo Alto City Hall A Hanukkah celebration in front of Palo Alto’s City Hall, sponsored by Chabad Palo Alto, with crafts and activities, a chocolate gelt drop, latkes and donuts.
When: Dec. 5, 4:30 p.m.
Where: Palo Alto City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.
Info: chabadpaloalto.com.

City of Mountain View Tree Lighting Local performances, tributes to multicultural and diverse traditions, free refreshments, a train ride, the lighting of the community tree and a visit from Santa.
When: Dec. 6, 5-8 p.m.
Where: Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.
Info: mountainview.gov.

Christmas Tree Lane Since 1940, Fulton Street (off Embarcadero Road) in Palo Alto has transformed into “Christmas Tree Lane,” full of lights and decorations. For safety, the 2021 edition will be a drive-thru and visitors must remain in their vehicles at all times.
When: Dec. 11-31, 5-11 p.m. each night.
Where: 1700 and 1800 blocks of Waverley St.
Aaron’s holiday treats, gifts, food and music. Proceeds benefit the school.

When: Dec. 11, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Where: Mountain View Caltrain station, 600 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View
Info: germanholidaymarket.org.

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SUPPORT LOCAL JOURNALISM
Sociologist and author Priya Fielding-Singh’s “How the Other Half Eats: The Untold Story of Food and Inequality in America” is one of the books I’ve been waiting for.

Fielding-Singh distills complex social threads and weaves them into a singular, compelling tapestry, giving insight into different Bay Area families’ experiences as they navigate what to eat. Much of this is related to access, and Fielding-Singh’s work asks society to take a broader view of what exactly it means to create a society with nutritional equality.

“Let’s reframe what access means,” Fielding-Singh said in an interview. “Let’s talk about it in a holistic way that takes into account people’s lived experiences, their environments, their stress levels, their employment, their housing — and talk about how those things come together in impacting diet.”

Access to food is not just about having a supermarket nearby, or the financial means to buy food. In fact, a lot of solutions aren’t directly related to food at all. In the book, Fielding-Singh advocates for livable wages, child care support and affordable housing that free up families to dedicate more energy to food.

“These are all things that don’t seem related to food, but are deeply, intimately related to food,” Fielding-Singh said. “Those are some of the many family policies that I think would go a long way.”

With that in mind, the book also reframes perceptions about how families across the social spectrum care for children through food and diet. “Especially in America, a country largely rooted in the idea that people get what they strive for and deserve, it can be difficult to accept that the parents of kids with ‘poor’ outcomes work just as hard as the parents of kids with ‘good’ outcomes. It doesn’t seem fair,” Fielding-Singh writes.

In illustrating these points and much more, Fielding-Singh focuses on four Bay Area families: All have teenagers, but their experiences differ based on income, education and ethnoracial backgrounds. Fielding-Singh’s approachable and thought-provoking pages give space to explore: How do we choose between a Nabsico Oreo and a Trader Joe’s Joe-Joe cookie, kale and collard greens, a lentil soup and a fast-food burrito? What food makes us feel good and why? How do we handle pickiness, scarcity, abundance? How do we use food as a signal of status or cultural assimilation, as a demonstration of love?

Fielding-Singh’s approachable synthesis of interviews and observations — carried out with parents and children in 10 families during her doctoral research at Stanford University — is an engaging primer on a critical topic. It leaves me hungry for more accounts like this, that factor in people’s lived experiences in shaping policies about how to ensure people get the nutrition they need.

Diving into some of these complexities, Fielding-Singh, a University of Utah Department of Family and Consumer Studies assistant professor, recently joined the Peninsula Foodlist in conversation about her book, which is out now in bookstores, or may be ordered through the Hachette Book Group.

Peninsula Foodlist: I’m interested to learn more about your journey ... You have such extensive expertise in the subject (of nutritional inequality). That comes through in your education, your training, your work, and it felt like there was an underlying passion just from personal experience.

Priya Fielding-Singh: I think my interest in the topic really came from a broader long-standing interest in equity that was seeded when I was pretty young. Growing up in Tucson, Arizona, my family decided to become a foster family. Pretty much all my middle and high school years, we fostered children from different backgrounds, many of whom had been born into poverty, had experienced different forms of traumas, resilient of being raised in really difficult circumstances.

I became really interested in understanding what the structural roots of those problems were, and how those inequalities manifested in my foster siblings’ lives — even though we shared the same room, the same house for a short period at time, why we were on such different trajectories.

You know, I really came to food from an interest in inequality and an interest in health — these very stark, very consequential health disparities in the United States, a number of which stem in part from differences in diet and nutrition and the different ability of individuals in American society to secure a nutritious diet for themselves and others.

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In sociology, there was definitely work on food, but very little work connecting food to diet to health. I felt like a lot of the conversation around diet, nutrition and inequality tended to be dominated by folks in the fields of public health and so I don’t necessarily always have the on-the-ground experience, really seeing how these behaviors were actually impacting people’s lives and what food means to people. That was my hope as a sociologist: to be able to bring that into the conversation in a way that would nuance and deepen our understanding of where these dietary disparities come from and what we can actually do to reduce them.

Foodist: Thinking about all the structural inequities, it feels daunting to even start to unravel. Diet seems so key to that, and you write in the book in a way that would nuance and what food means to people. What is “nutritional inequality” then?

Fielding-Singh: The way that I think about “nutritional equality” is that every individual, every family, has the right to be exposed to a diet that will promote their health, instead of undermining it. This is often talked about in terms of access. I think about it that way too, but I also think about it in a sense of being able to afford food or being able to geographically access food. I think about: How do we create a system where every person lives a life in which eating nutritious food is easy, it’s the default, it isn’t something that’s an uphill battle that has to be fought for, or is a privilege to which an elite few are entitled?

What that means to me is, how do we create a society where people earn enough money where they can afford the food, they live in neighborhods where there’s access to that food, and also they work hours that are reasonable so there’s time to cook the food and they’re treated well by their employers? So that they don’t experience the stress and trauma of economic exploitation, and they have access to health care and providers that give them guidance and support in meeting a nutritious and safe diet. I think in safe neighborhoods where their kids can run and get physical activity, where there aren’t these structural changes that I think are really important if we’re going to have nutritional equality in this country.

Foodist: You were saying that every single one of us deserves the means to eat healthfully. You also have a quote on how food is linked to pickiness. How can we ensure that we have access to healthful foods, and also meet individual preferences? I’m also thinking about “ac- culturation” and the dietary choices that might be informed by cultural background and cuisine.

Fielding-Singh: One argument of the book is that the food and beverage industry — that situation in which our preferences are really fundamentally shaped by their interests in profits. So you go to the grocery store, you look on your phone, you watch TV, you open a magazine and there is just so much advertising and marketing of unhealthy food that also happens to be really cheap and engineered to be really delicious.

It creates a situation where it’s extremely difficult, especially for parents who are trying to teach their kids some healthy eating habits and to eat some fruits and vegetables. It’s really difficult for par- ents to do that, because their kids are seeing ads and seeing all of that and parents’ desires for what their children eat become secondary. It becomes company interests that have to fight against the food and beverage industry to secure it.

I talk about this in the book in part in the context of dietary ac- culturation — that part of what it means to emigrate to this country is that you’re exposed to lots of unhealthy pro- cessed foods.

When I think of different cul- tural preferences, different class preferences — just different prefer- ences around what families eat — I think the food industry has actually taken away a lot of that, because it’s created an environment that’s so saturated by certain types of prod- ucts that it’s undermined parents’ ability to feed their kids the food that they grew up with, the food of their childhoods of origin, the old family recipes.

Getting kids to eat that becomes a challenge rather than something that’s really easy and beautifully passed on.

Foodist: How can we curb Big Food?

Fielding-Singh: I think about it on a spectrum. I don’t think we’re ever going to be a country where Big Food doesn’t have a lot of pow- er and a lot of reach, but I think we can do more than what we’re doing. I talk about the idea of furiously regulating marketing to children. We know that kids don’t have the ability to tell what is an advertisement and what is the truth. They’re extremely impressionable and kids’ preferences matter a lot in what families eat.

Foodist: With the people that you wrote about, there’s a judg- ment that’s being made. There’s a double standard in how society perceives what affluent moms are able to provide versus lower-income moms are.

Fielding-Singh: This goes to “intensive mothering” a bit, and societal definitions of what “good” mothers are.

Foodist: I had never heard of some of these terms before, like “intensive mothering.” I think it’s de- scribed as ideology that arose in the 1980s and 1990s as a means to redomesticate women through motherhood. As more women in North America became more edu- cated and increasingly entered the workforce, they were still raising kids on individuals rather than community or society. I think that might be informed by cultural “intensive mothering” that’s a very sociological term.

Foodist: Having those terms defined and outlined, it was so eye-opening.

Fielding-Singh: When we picture in the U.S. what a “good” mom is, we picture Julie (in the book), someone who is affluent, who’s, who’s devoted to her children in a way that manifests in her being a stay-at-home care- giver, someone who’s really vigi- lant about what her children eat and something she identifies as energy and money to making sure her kid has a healthy diet.

Julie represents a certain type of parent who has all the resourc- es at her disposal to feed her kids a healthy diet. And even Julie has a hard time when she struggles, and often feels like she’s letting herself and her kids down and she’s not liv- ing up to these societal standards ... I think it’s not a Black mom, starts at a disadvantage. With the very limited resources that she has, she’s getting isn’t always healthy, but in the midst of incredible, long- standing scarcity and a lot of adver- sity that her kids were experiencing because of growing up in poverty, food was one of those things she could give her kids single day to bring a smile to their face. And it also reassured Nyah that she was a good mom, that she was competent, that she was loving and caring. I think it’s so interesting how something like BMI charts and wants to err on the side of them being fed more than less, because being fed less could sometimes be grounds for her kids being taken away.

Low-income moms, especially low-income moms of color, I specifically thinking of Black and Latina moms, always lived with the threat that their kids could be taken away.

That kind of judgment, that kind of real repercussion, also shapes how they prioritize mak- ing sure their kids have enough versus too little.

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When I mention my research and my how your kids’ dietary choices are shaped by — especially the first thing that they say is “food desert.” I feel like we really need to move beyond that. They exist ... But in most parts of the country that’s not the primary driver of nu- tritional inequality.

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