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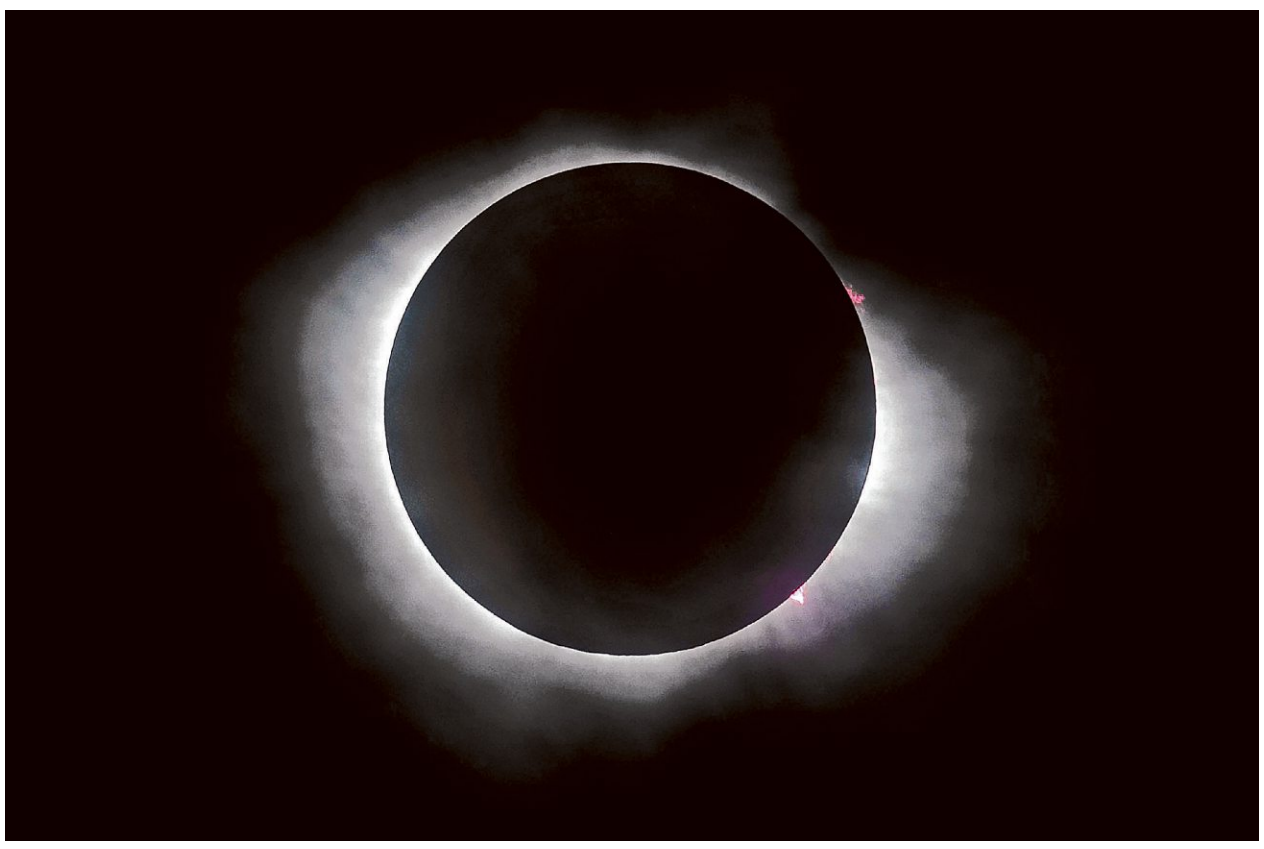

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Solar flares appear from behind the moon during Monday's total solar eclipse as seen in Kerrville, Texas. The path of totality stretched from Texas to Kentucky, Ohio, Maine and up to Canada.

Getting a glimpse of solar sensation

Out of eclipse's path, Bay Area residents still gazed skyward

By Jill Tucker, Nora Mishanec and Eli Rosenberg

At 10:14 a.m. on Monday, the moon's shadow started falling across the Bay Area, kicking off the first solar eclipse the country has seen in seven years — a highly anticipated celestial event that made Texas an in-demand destination for thousands of West Coast dwellers seeking to take in the event firsthand.

The path of totality stretched from Texas to Kentucky, Ohio, Maine and up to Canada, with Northern California seeing about a third of the sun covered by the time the peak eclipse hit at 11:13 a.m.

In the Bay Area, the day was a bit dimmer, and through protective glasses or a pinhole camera, viewers could see a slice of the sun was out of view.

At Chabot Space and Science Center in the Oakland hills, hundreds of people waited in line on a sunny morning to get into the observatory to see the eclipse. Tickets sold out before the eclipse started.

Mojgan Saberi, 62, saved her money and sat outside in the sun with eclipse viewing glasses, staring into the sky and waiting for the moon to impede the view.

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Shirley Moore, wearing protective glasses, watches the solar eclipse Monday outside the Exploratorium in San Francisco.

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"I always watch it in nature," she said, adding she opted to stay home while friends from Marin County traveled to Dallas to chase the totality at a viewing party at a stadium, only to encounter a cloudy sky and a chance of thunderstorms.

"I feel bad for them," Saberi said as she basked in sunshine as the eclipse started above her and the moon inched across the lower edge of the sun.

At Sankofa United Elementary School in Oakland, students had special eclipse glasses and the pinhole viewers to take a peek at the

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Is alliance against Peskin in the works?

Mayoral hopefuls may rely on ranked-choice voting system

By Joe Garofoli and J.D. Morris

Supervisor Aaron Peskin's entry into the San Francisco mayor's race is already inspiring a mantra from his more moderate challengers: "Anybody but Peskin."

But their effort to paint Peskin as a bogeyman won't be a cure-all and is one of many ways the longtime supervisor from North Beach will reshape the city's most unpredictable mayoral battle in decades, one made all the more complex by San Francisco's ranked-choice voting system.

Peskin's entry has spurred some of the candidates to try to game out how to use the ranked-choice system to win.

The campaign will be a referendum on San Francisco's biggest challenges: public safety, homelessness and the lack of affordable housing. And, and as typically is the case, it will be a referendum on the incumbent, Mayor London Breed.

The moderate candidates — Breed, former interim Mayor Mark Farrell and nonprofit founder Daniel Lurie — hope that the specter of the more left-leaning Peskin becoming mayor will lure voters at a time when San Francisco is edging to the center. But that won't provide them a clear path to victory, nor will it likely eliminate Pes-

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Some officers' decertifications remain hidden

By Sophia Bollag

California officials are working to decertify potentially thousands of police officers accused of serious misconduct under a new state law, but in some cases basic details of the alleged misconduct are secret.

Experts say that undermines the law's intent to hold police accountable.

California's Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training, or POST, began moving to decertify officers last year under a law that makes the agency responsible for stripping officers of their badges. Since then, the commission has begun the process to decertify more than 200 current or former officers. In many cases, public records like criminal court filings detail the allegations against the officers.

But a Chronicle review found that in some cases, the commission and local police departments won't disclose basic information about what the officers are accused of doing, leaving the public in the dark. No Bay Area department from which the Chronicle sought records provided any information about why an officer was being decertified.

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'Builder's remedy' housing proposed in Wine Country

By J.K. Dineen

A prominent Sonoma County family that has been a force in philanthropy and politics for decades is proposing California's biggest "builder's remedy" project, a 1,464-unit affordable housing development that would create a new neighborhood on a flat vacant parcel near the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma Airport.

Gallaher Companies, which has developed 6,500 units of housing and 62 senior and assisted care facilities, has filed an application for a 40-acre community targeting local workers who are priced out of Sonoma County's housing market, according to Cindy Gallaher, co-founder of the company with her husband Bill.

The proposed project, Airport Village, will be fast-tracked under California's builder's remedy, which lets developers bypass local building rules and receive streamlined approval for residential developments in jurisdictions that are out of compliance with state housing law. While Sonoma County currently has a state-certified housing plan, it did not have one when the Gallaher Companies filed the preliminary application.

The proposed development "is intended to be responsive to the housing crisis and the demand we have today," said Efren Carrillo, chief executive officer of Gallaher Community Homes, a new nonprofit created for the project.

The project would consist of three distinct neighborhoods with a total of 20 residential buildings, a recreation center, picnic areas, playgrounds, athletic fields and pickleball courts. There would also be a grocery store and other retail. And it would be less than a half-mile from the airport's SMART train station.

While proposed homes would target households earning 100% of the area median income — currently $128,000 for a

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Cindy Gallaher, co-founder of Gallaher Companies, walks on 40 acres proposed for the housing project in Sonoma County.

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