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Steady Stream of Californians Decamp to Biggest (Not so Little) City

BY REBEKAH MOAN

According to Jim Cunha, who was born, raised, educated, and lived in the San Francisco Bay Area for most of his 72 years, he and his wife, Maureen, didn't leave California; California left them. Despite the presence of multiple siblings, children, and grandchildren the Cunhas found it difficult to downsize from their home in Orinda and stay in the Bay Area. They could sell high but then had to join the frenzied competition to buy "less house."

The Cunhas represent one demographic that feels squeezed out of the

state. While they're in the privileged position of selling a high-value home, they believe the proceeds are better spent elsewhere. A well-constructed house in a desirable Bay Area neighborhood would eat up much of the income garnered from the sale of an existing residence.

Then there's another demographic; families looking to upgrade, like Robby Rydinski and his wife, Kristin. Robby was also born, raised, educated, and lived in the Bay Area until about four years ago. He and his wife resided in

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Daisy May Sheff. "Hid it Well in a Walnut Shell," 2021. Oil on canvas. 44 x 56 in. Courtesy of the artist and Ratio 3. See more in the Arts Calendar, page 7.

Demand High, Prices Flat, for Dogpatch, Potrero Hill Real Estate



794 Rhode Island Street. Courtesy of Melinda Lee and SF Association of Realtors

BY VIVIEN WANG

San Franciscans are accustomed to ever-higher real estate prices and scant amounts of housing offered for sale. Two years into the pandemic cum endemic, sellers' motivations, buyers' demands, and open house experiences

continue to evolve.

Between 2020 and 2021, the City's population dropped by roughly 1.8 percent, 15,435 people, according to California Department of Finance estimates. Common thought is the exodus was driven by the desire for more space, closer proximity to family residing out of state, and the travails of the San Francisco Board of Education, which left students out of the classroom during much of the period. Adoption of remote-first labor policies, along with the flexibility to work from anywhere in the country, or world, helped catalyze outmigration.

"The desire for more outdoor space was a big driving factor," Wendy Watkins of Corcoran Global Living said. "I had clients leave to be closer to family on the East Coast, some heading to the East Bay where there is a larger inventory of single-family homes, and some fast forwarding their retirement plans of moving to Sonoma, Napa, Tahoe, or even out of country."

"As San Franciscans adapted to working and schooling at home, the

pandemic sharpened demand for single family homes and condominiums with more bedrooms, home office space and outdoor areas," added Tim Johnson of Compass.

In spite of the exodus, there's no dearth of interested buyers with deep pockets. San Francisco remains the nation's most expensive housing market among major American metropolises, thanks in part to the emerging biotech economy. According to Melinda Lee of Corcoran Global Living, the City is closely followed by New York, with San Jose in third place, Los Angeles in fifth. San Francisco also has the most luxury real estate listings, residences offered at more than \$1.3 million in excess of median prices.

According to Johnson, demand is particularly strong on Potrero Hill, where single family homes sales more than doubled in 2021 compared to 2019, jumping from 35 to 74 houses. Average sale prices for single family homes was flat between 2020 and 2021, at just under \$1,100 per square foot.

After falling in 2020, average prices for condominiums in 2021 rose to \$1,271,668, roughly the same as pre-pandemic levels. Condos saw a similar demand burst as single-family homes, with 73 sales in 2019 jumping to 150 in 2021. Transaction volume in Dogpatch and Mission Bay also grew substantially last year.

"The real estate prices in Potrero

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The Kids Are Alright: Potrero Preschool Strong Despite Omicron

BY JULIE ZIGORIS

Despite the pandemic, Potrero Kids, with campuses in Dogpatch and Potrero Hill, had mostly returned to a normal routine last fall. That changed in January with the Omicron coronavirus variant, which pushed half the staff of about 20 teachers into quarantine.

"It's really the first time that we saw a large number of cases," said the preschool's director Rebecca Kee. "It hit us very hard. The first month back after the holidays was absolutely wild. It was like wildfire."

The school had to close multiple classrooms at different times and shorten operating hours. Yet despite these challenges, the school community has proven resilient.

"The vibe of families and staff supporting one another has been incredible," Kee said. "Even though we've had to roll with these punches, we've been making it work."

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PUBLISHER'S VIEW

DEATH

BY STEVEN J. MOSS

I had a vision, or perhaps it was a dream, of my death. I was sitting by myself on a Northern California cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The place was vaguely familiar, reminiscent of the Marin Headlands. I'd scrambled down a steep slope to settle onto a flat perch with a view of forever.

Time passed. The tide rose; splashes of saltwater licked my face. I needed to leave. I tried to scramble back up, but discovered, to my surprise, that my strength had ebbed. I scanned the cliff face but could identify no tractable escape route. After a few more panicked attempts during which neither by legs nor hands could gain purchase on the crumbly rocks, I gave up, sat back down, and watched the waves as they came closer, higher, lapping at my feet,

rising. I wasn't cold. I wasn't afraid. I breathed deeply, slowly, and before too long was swallowed.

At 61-years-old I don't expect to die soon, though death feels much closer than even a few years ago. Still, I take strange comfort in my vision. It's like a prayer, a recurrent visualization that reduces my fear of the inescapable end.

Earlier this year my wife, Debbie, daughter, Sara, and I had the privilege to travel to Argentine Patagonia. After an overnight in Buenos Aires, we arrived in El Chaton, a modest town bordering Chile that serves as a staging ground for trekking in Los Glaciares National Park. After consult-

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SHORT CUTS

Drum Licks

Last month, Arkansas Street resident **Dawn Richardson** launched a music education platform, Online Drum Lessons, featuring two courses: Drumming Basics and Beginner to Band. The fundamentals class features such tips as what sticks to start with, drum kit parts, grip and positioning, basic strokes and notation. Beginner to Band is a comprehensive guide to mastering drum kit essentials. Each section builds on the last with the goal of creating a strong drumming foundation through effective exercises. Originally from Los Angeles, Richardson has been a Potrero Hill dweller for more than two decades.

Crime

The **San Francisco District Attorney** has charged Eugenio Perez Corleto, 28, with killing a man in Potrero Hill. Corleto, a San Francisco resident, is in custody without bail. He's accused of murdering Frank Chavez, 27, of South San Francisco, who was allegedly stabbed January 31 at around 12:22 a.m. on the 500 block of Potrero Avenue. Police found Chavez with a knife wound. He was transported to **San Francisco General Hospital**, where he died February 2. Corleto was arrested by officers with the department's homicide detail and community violence reduction team, which used to be called the gang task force until a name change last year.

Recology

San Francisco officials are scrutinizing **Recology's** \$200 million sale of its Seventh Street property to **Amazon** to determine whether customers are owed more money from the company. Last year, the waste hauler agreed to reimburse San Franciscans nearly \$95 million for overcharges that municipal lawyers identified as part of a corruption investigation linked to former **Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru**. **City Controller Ben Rosenfield** is reviewing financial data provided by Recology related to its 2020 deal with Amazon. The controller's inquiry comes at a sensitive time for the company, which could be subject to more municipal oversight if the Board of Supervisors places a proposed surveillance measure on the ballot.

Blocked Shot

French sports retailer **Decathlon** will close its two U.S. stores, including at the Potrero Center, this month. A third location, on Market Street, was shuttered at the beginning of the pandemic. The company plans to focus on online sales and vending its products — which include bikes, dumbbells and skis — at other retailers like Walmart and Target. "We are changing our business model to adapt to current market conditions and to better meet the needs

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Letters to the Editor

Editor,

We're writing to correct inaccurate comments made by Alison Heath in her January editorial, "Hidden Hazards at 300 De Haro Street." It's disappointing that Ms. Heath chose to misrepresent the facts as part of her ongoing efforts aimed at this project and others to stop construction of new housing in the neighborhood.

DM Development used the pro-housing legislation, Senate Bill 35, to push forward with its plans for 300 De Haro after discussions with Ms. Heath and other Potrero Hill stakeholders failed to reach a compromise, resulting in an impasse. Invoking SB 35 has nothing to do with how the City oversees the environmental and seismic matters associated with the project but instead allows it to achieve expedited planning approval due to the high level of affordable housing being offered. SB 35 can only be used if the project meets a rigorous standard of criteria and review; 300 DeHaro cleared all of those requirements.

The primary issue raised by Ms. Heath is the quality of the soil at 300 De Haro Street and the associated testing protocol. Testing for soil containments is always conducted through the Department of Public Health regardless of a project's entitlement pathway. This project is no exception. We can assure our Potrero Hill neighbors that no corners were cut when it comes to public health and safety and that the project does not pose any risk from contamination. Likewise, seismic and structural design, review, and approval are always conducted through the Department of Building Inspection, regardless of entitlement pathway, through the plan check process for all engineered drawings.

We understand that Ms. Heath strongly opposes bringing 450 homes, including 182 affordable homes, to Potrero Hill. However, as a community representative, it is her responsibility to report the facts accurately.

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California College of Arts Strike Ends after Four Days Without Resolution

BY JOHN FERRANNINI

California College of the Arts' unionized staff ended a four-day strike in February without an agreement with the school's administration.

The walkout was never intended to be indefinite, said Jennie Smith-Camejo, a spokeswoman with the Service Employees International Union Local Number 1021.

The strike began February 8 and ended on February 11, with daily picket lines from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the college's 1111 Eighth Street campus or the school's Oakland site. Some 120 of CCA's 280 workers participated.

In 2019, 74 percent of CCA's staff voted to join SEIU Local 1021. Since then, the college's administration and the union have failed to conclude an agreement.

The union accuses the school of unfair labor practices, as the *View* reported last month, asserting that administrators unilaterally changed working conditions, adding new positions without negotiating with the union, which filed a complaint with the National Labor Relations Board last fall.

In spring 2020, CCA staff union president Matt Kennedy was furloughed and told he could return with lower pay.

"We're a brand-new union and going on strike to get your first contract

isn't something that normally happens. So, this is a really powerful and transformative thing that we're taking part in," Kennedy stated in an SEIU Local 1021 news release. "I think that it's really not just going to change things at CCA, but I think it's going to change how a lot of workers think about their jobs and their working conditions in relation to their living conditions."

Smith-Camejo said she hoped that "the strike would bring them back to the table." She added that the union reserves the right to call a strike again. Ninety-seven percent of unionized staff voted in December to approve the walkout.

Adjunct faculty and students joined the picket lines in sympathy and to air their own grievances against the school's administration. One was Benjamin Chun, a student who spoke at a rally at the Oakland campus.

"I got here on a full ride from a community college. I've lived on the streets since I was 13 years old," said Chun. "This school promised me glory and riches. Then a year after I got here, at the beginning of COVID, they said get out of the dorms, and they cut my housing. When I tried complaining about it, they threatened me with expulsion. I'm the evidence of the financial mishandling of this school. For the first year I was kicked out, I

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San Francisco School Board Members Recalled

BY JESSICA ZIMMER

Last month San Francisco voters recalled three of the seven-member San Francisco School Board: Alison Collins, Gabriela López – who had served as board president – and Faauuga Moliga. Collins was withdrawn by 79 percent of voters, López 75 percent, and Moliga 72 percent. Just 26 percent of those eligible cast a ballot, a fraction of the 86 percent November 3, 2020 turnout.

“It was so wonderful to have the City come through in support of families. We feel so loved,” said Autumn Looijen and Siva Raj, the San Francisco parents who led the signature campaign to hold the recall election.

Roughly 100 recall campaign volunteers celebrated the election night victory at Manny’s, a community gathering spot in the Mission.

“We organized many signature-gathering events through Facebook, so many volunteers met for the first time,” said Looijen.

Mayor London Breed will now appoint board replacements, who will serve until there’s another school board election in November.

“The voters of this City have delivered a clear message that the School Board must focus on the essentials of delivering a well-run school system above all else. There are many critical decisions in the coming months; addressing a significant budget deficit, hiring a new Superintendent, and navigating our emergence from this pandemic. These are on top of the structural issues the District has faced for years that include declining enrollment and fixing our school assignment system to better serve families and our students,” said Breed, in a statement.

According to Siva the Recall SF School Board campaign is recruiting board prospects.

“We’re putting out a call for candidates and asking them to answer straightforward questions, such as how they plan to support K-12 students’ mental health. We will then share the results with the community, reach a consensus on which candidates we support, and send the list of names to Mayor Breed. This will give her a pool of candidates who have a degree of community support,” said Siva.

Siva said Recall SF School Board will also consult with its organizers and City voters to determine whether the organization wants to recall the remaining four Board members.

“Our current priorities are to get the Board to address learning loss and encourage families to return to and remain in the City, which will stabilize SFUSD’s budget. We also want to choose a good superintendent who will serve for the next five to seven years,” said Siva.

Looijen said Recall SF School Board is proud that organizers and voters from across the political spectrum collaborated on the recall effort.

“What started out as a group of parents brought together people who ordinarily wouldn’t talk to one another. I think this achievement bodes well for the City,” said Looijen.

RENO from front page

a small two-bedroom, one-bath quadplex in Walnut Creek. After the birth of the Rydinskis’ daughter, Olivia, the family decided to buy a house in 2018.

“We were in desperate need of more space,” he said. “We worked with a realtor for eight, nine months, put offers on seven or eight homes, and were usually pretty aggressive about it; going \$30,000 to \$60,000 above the asking price. We didn’t get anything. I thought I wanted to raise my family in the Bay Area, that was my intention, but it didn’t work out.”

Enter Reno, the “biggest little city in the world,” a motto that acknowledges the municipalities’ small geography and oversized self-image. Both the Cunhas and the Rydinskis visited the city to see friends or family and discovered the housing market was vastly different than the Bay Area. Reno is less than a four-hour drive to San Francisco, in striking distance of friends and family in Northern California and offers easy access to Lake Tahoe and recreational activities.

Less than two years ago the Cunhas found a three-year-old house with wonderful views, close to downtown, that’d have cost almost three times what they paid if it in the Bay Area. The Rydinskis bought a brand-new, 2,400 square foot house without a bidding war.

However, the real estate window in Reno, and throughout the country, may be closing. The median price for an American home in 2021 rose nearly 20 percent and the for-sale inventory hit

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Potrero Deli Offers Taste of Community

BY LEE STUART

Chef Dario Barbone's specialty delicatessen, Alimentari Aurora, on 18th street, offers family meals, snacks – *pintxos* – small plates, and aperitifs. Opened in the fall of 2020, during stringent shelter-in-place orders, the deli quickly became a favorite amongst residents looking for new flavors.

The deli's menu is "unpredictable and erratic by design," said Barbone, who challenges himself to "change the sandwiches every day," with rotations that include panino with mortazza and pistachio pesto and kimchi grilled cheese.

The shop stocks cheeses and charcuterie, as well as dry goods, such as canned fish and chocolate, which're unavailable elsewhere on Potrero Hill. On weekends focaccia is offered.

The deli is named after Barbone's grandmother, Aurora, which means "sunshine" in Italian. Alimentari is Italian for "food shop/deli."

"As a good Italian, my grandmas would take care of me while my parents were working," said Barbone, who was born in Vercelli, Italy. "Aurora was not a great chef," but "she taught me a little bit more than food," conveying the value of family and friends congregating around simple ingredients, to share stories and enjoy one another's company over a good meal.

Barbone said his grandmother Filomena was the better cook of the two elders and joked that he isn't quite

as good as her yet. As he got older, he learned that Aurora didn't have an easy life, but never let that show as they prepared meals together in the kitchen.

"In retrospect, how much happiness she gave me through small gestures with food made me feel so inspired!" he remembered fondly.

Barbone received a Bachelors in Pharmaceutical Chemistry in 2001 and a doctorate in Molecular Medicine in 2006 from the Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale. In 2005 he moved to the Hill to finish his PhD thesis for what was "supposed to be a year," but stayed to become an Assistant Professor of Molecular Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco in 2007.

"Science was treating me really well," he admitted. "I was being paid, I was being respected for my ideas... but then, I kept food as a passion on the side, as has always been in my life."

Barbone loved to cook meals in the Kansas Street apartment he's resided in for the past 18 years, as a way of entertaining friends, spark conversations, and recreate the communal connection his grandmother had shared with him when he was a young. He discovered the Japanese concept of *Ikigai*, the feeling of accomplishment and fulfillment that follows when one pursues their passions; the intersection of everything one wants during their

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3/12 Saturday

Family: Potrero Hill Family Saturdays

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3/17 Thursday

Sports: "Major League Baseball's First All-Black Lineup: The 1971 Pittsburgh Pirates"

On September 1, 1971, the Pittsburgh Pirates fielded the first all-black lineup in major league history, nearly a quarter century after Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier. The following month the Pirates won the 1971 World Series, with the lineup as its foundation. This two-hour course celebrates the 50th anniversary of this landmark achievement, highlighting the colorful characters crucial to the team's success, like Roberto Clemento, the first Latino Hall of Famer; fellow Hall of Famer Willie Stargell, who attended high school in Alameda; and pitcher Dock Ellis, the iconoclastic All-Star who claimed to have pitched a no-hitter on LSD. Presented via Zoom by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at San Francisco State University. Membership isn't required to take the course, however, a free OLLI account is needed to register. 1:30 to 4 p.m. \$29. For more

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3/20 Sunday

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3/24 Thursday

Music: Portland Cello Project

The Pacific Northwest's premiere alt-classical ensemble turns the evening purple, blending their deep textures with the unique harmonic landscape of Prince's artistic power. Joined by musicians who have worked with Prince, such as Saeeda Wright and Tyrone Hendrix, expect a lively evening of diversely-curated music that influenced or was influenced by The Purple One. 7 p.m. Tickets \$18-\$22. The Chapel, 777 Valencia Street. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3JGBfTQ>

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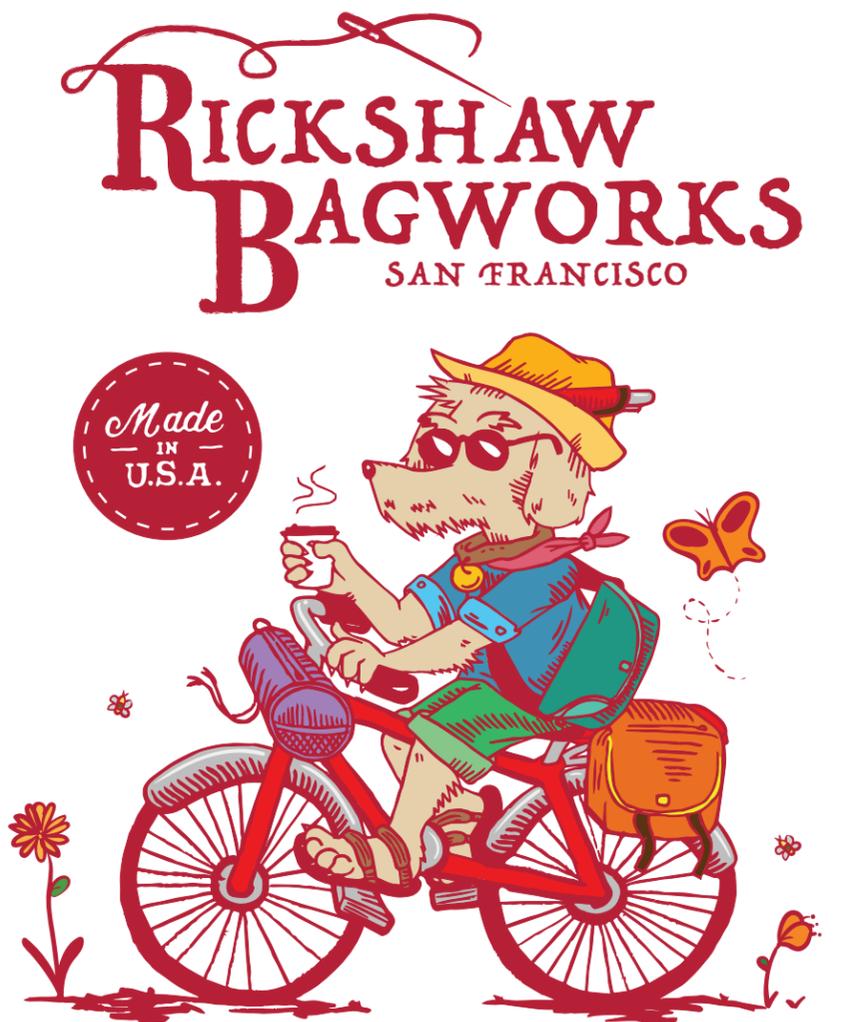
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“Hid It Well in a Walnut Shell” at Ratio 3

Daisy May Sheff’s paintings are playful and a little bit unsettling, like a childhood dream. Her works in oil,

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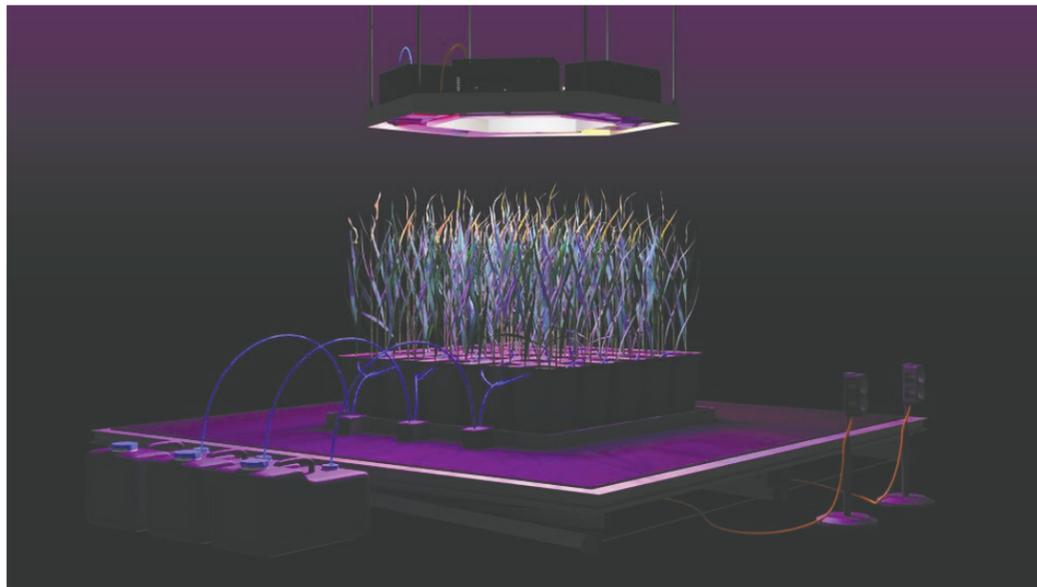
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Kicking off their 2022 programming Southern Exposure presents a sound-art exhibition by Cristóbal Martínez. The dynamic installation uses computer technology to create a soundscape for visitors to navigate, relating Martínez’s memories of his childhood in the high desert of New Mexico, invoking his ancestral legacy and connection to the land. 3030 20th Street, Free.

Tuesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., through April 6.

“Post Growth” at Telematic

An exhibition by the artist collective DISNOVATION.ORG and collaborating artists, “Post Growth” interrogates the precedents of the current environmental crisis and concepts of progress at the expense of the planet. The show presents speculative, alternate models for sustainable future systems, in the form of video and sculptural artworks, including an experimental agricultural contraption for the cultivation of one square meter of wheat. 323 10th Street, Free.



DISNOVATION.ORG. “The Farm,” 2021.

Courtesy of the artist and Telematic.

Thursday 1 to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., through April 9

James Chronister at Eleanor Harwood

Chronister achieves a hyper-realist flair with black oil paint, in a tromp l’oeil style that could pass for high-contrast photography. The artist’s sixth solo show with the gallery provides an opportunity to delve into his illustrative, moody landscape painting. 1275 Minnesota Street, 206, Free.

Thursday to Friday 3 to 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 12 to 5 p.m., through April 10.

“As I Live and Breathe” at SOMArts

Oakland-based artist Angela Hennessey’s solo show is inspired by a range of topics, including chess strategy and celestial divination. Hennessey’s unique textile sculptures, which incorporate her own and synthetic hair, examine themes of life and death, inquiring into how individual and cultural understandings of mortality inform our ways of being in the world. 943 Brannan Street, Free.



Carolyn Drake. “Untitled photograph from the series Knit Club,” 2019. Pigment print. Courtesy of the artist and McEvoy Foundation for the Arts.

Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., through April 30.

“Image Gardeners” at McEvoy Foundation for the Arts

A selection of photographs from the McEvoy Family Collection accompanies three newly commissioned series by Bay Area artists Marcel Pardo Ariza, Carolyn Drake, and Chanell Stone. The exhibition examines self-portraiture as a method to develop identity in female and queer bodies. Artist Lynn Hershman Leeson and scholar Peggy Phalen will converse about technology and female bodies in “Person. Woman. Camera. TV.,” March 5, 3 to 4 p.m. The talk is free, online registration required through McEvoy Foundation’s website. 1150 25th Street, Building B, Free.

“Meantime” at the Institute of Contemporary Art

In anticipation of its September opening, ICA San Francisco will host an ambitious lineup of temporary exhibitions and events titled “Meantime.” The March roster of workshops, performances, and pop-ups includes a live taping of the arts podcast “Beyond the Studio,” March 17, 6:30 to 8 p.m., and the Bay Area Queer Zine Fest, March 19 and 20, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oakland-based artist Chris Martin’s exhibition, “Ancient as Time,” is on-view throughout, featuring new fabric sculptures inspired by traditional tattoo imagery and slogans. 901 Minnesota Street. All events and exhibitions are free.



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and Dogpatch continue to hit new highs," said Watkins. "These are two very desirable neighborhoods, and with low inventory, and the competition for buyers is high. We are seeing most properties, both single family homes and condos, with multiple bids."

"As homeowners leave the City, property prices adjust according to recent sales in an ever-upward trend; new sales stand on the shoulders of the previous," Lee said. "This trend will only cool when there's more inventory to choose from and buyers have more options than bidding on the few houses available in their price range."

The pandemic prompted realtors to change how they conduct business.

"The days of sitting at office desks, sorting reams of paper contracts and doing in-person interviews have given way to a streamlined, online approach where much of the business is conducted virtually," said Lee. "Agents are far more mobile; properties are shown virtually in many cases; and communication methods became more fluid."

"We had to broaden our online presentations and property sites, so potential buyers could view the property's photos, videos, and floorplan before viewing it in person," said Susan Olk, also of Corcoran Global Living.

"What it mostly did was cut out neighbors and people just browsing out of curiosity."

Lee recommended that buyers have a "whistle-clean offer package," with all disclosures signed, and mortgage preapproval or a fully underwritten lender letter and proof of funds included.

"Cash is king in this environment,

which usually means an early close of escrow, and eliminates the need for appraisal. More than 50 percent of accepted offers are now fully non-contingent, with no inspections other than those provided by the seller," she noted.

Moving quickly is key when inventory changes daily. Watkins has observed a renewed interest in urban living as people acclimate to the new normal.

"We are seeing homes selling in the first week or two, so you need to be available to preview them before they are gone. It's hard not to fall in love with all of the wonderful homes in our neighborhood!" she said.

Sellers must also remain vigilant, especially with the spring selling season around the corner, including determining how much to invest in home preparation through painting, refinishing floors, landscaping, and staging.

According to Watkins, "Sellers should make sure they have a trusted real estate advisor who understands this fast-paced market and can help prepare the home to maximize sale price."

Johnson recommended that sellers do their research.

"Before you list your home, learn market values in your neighborhood by visiting open houses. How does your home compare with them?" he advised.

Even with the top dollar sellers are commanding, buyers can also be winners. Olk believes it's never a bad time to buy in the City.

"In my experience selling for the past 40 or so years, San Francisco prices tend to hold steady or keep going up over the years. Real estate has his-

torically been an excellent investment here over time."

PRECHOOL from front page

Stephanie Murphy's two-year-old, Marty, had his classroom close twice during the Omicron surge.

"We all just have to go with the flow and be really flexible during these times," Murphy said. "And it helps to know that we're all in it together. It was a challenge for teachers, but they did an incredible job of keeping the children really safe. We were overcautious, but that was a good thing, because we did keep most of our families safe through the surge."

The school managed to avoid a complete shutdown, with classroom closures kept to two or three days.

"When you look at it from the child's experience, their day-to-day has really not changed much at all. It's been kind of incredible," Kee said.

Even with the spate of cases in January and February and a student population that's mostly younger than five, ineligible for vaccines, parents have a sense of security at the school.

"I feel very safe sending my child there," said Megumi Aihara, whose four-year-old, Koda attends Potrero Kids. "He needs socialization, learning from his friends and peers. I think that's really important; keeping schools open even during the Omicron surge."

Murphy agreed that it was important to keep schools accessible.

"The benefits of having your child in school outweigh the risks knowing that Omicron is potentially mild in children," she said.

Kee claimed the January surge was mostly caused by families exposed over the holidays, not from community spread at the school.

Aihara is grateful to be able to send her child to school, acknowledging how difficult it is for parents to get work done at home when kids are there too.

"It's been a challenging time for all parents, but I felt really lucky to have a safe place to send my child," she said.

Teacher Frances Amella takes

satisfaction in providing a haven for parents to send their children.

"We were just so happy to be back in the classroom, giving the children a sense of normalcy, being there for them and the parents," Amella said. "I'm trying to make them feel comfortable and that their child is in good hands. And we're there for them. And they really are appreciative too."

"It's in the best interest of our children to keep them in the classroom, keep them engaged with their peers and learning," Murphy said. "And to have the community around the school be flexible to make that happen."

"At this point, we're all just sort of accepting that this is part of our day to day now. There's only so much locking down we can do for young kids," Kee said. "Their time as a young child is short and very valuable."

Amella cited some positive consequences from the pandemic, including an increase in outdoor time.

"We go everywhere, it's so terrific. We do a lot of nature walks because it's a little bit safer."

She's taken children to Jackson Park, Potrero Center and AT&T Park, attracting so much attention traveling around the neighborhood with a large group of kids that she's taken to handing out business cards.

While Amella noted some behavioral changes in students, like a lack of focus, as pandemic stress trickled down from family members, parents have seen their children thrive at Potrero Kids even during COVID.

Murphy speculated that there's little difference between her two children's preschool experiences, one pre-pandemic, the other not.

"I'm sure there's something but compared to our other son's preschool experience with unmasked teachers, you wouldn't know the difference. He's just as eager to go to school, he seems to be learning just as much," Murphy said.

Potrero Kids was founded in 2005 to provide a community for parents who wanted their children to attend public schools and stay in San Francisco. At

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the time Daniel Webster Elementary was being threatened with closure; the founding of Potrero Kids helped to save the school by keeping families in the neighborhood.

The school serves 100 two- to five-year-olds. It prioritizes admission for siblings enrolled in Daniel Webster Elementary as well as families living or working in San Francisco's Eastern neighborhoods. The main campus is at 810 Illinois Street, with a second site at 465 Missouri Street.

"We have a wonderful community," Amella said.

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ing with a guide, we decided to hike the Cuadrado Pass, a 22-kilometer trail rising 1,200-meters that's largely covered with scree. The last bit could require crampons to traverse a snowfield and rope to negotiate a vertical boulder field.

The guide warned us that the hike was quite challenging; she even checked the quality of our hiking boots to see if our equipment reflected the needed abilities. But Sara had spent almost two months backpacking Big Bend National Park at the start of the pandemic. I bloviated that we came from a city of steep hills, and miscalculated the kilometer to miles conversion, shortening the trek by 20 percent. It was decided; we'd depart with two guides, German and Gabriel, at 5:30 a.m. the next day.

The first several kilometers meandered through the Lenga Forest alongside a fast-running river, in which we could dip our bottles to collect clear, clean, glacier water, a rare treat. We rested briefly at the Piedra del Fraile campsite before beginning our upward journey to what was reputed to be a breathtaking view of Fitz Roy, Aguja Pollone and Paso Marconi.

The trail was unlike anything I'd encountered during other challenging hikes in Ethiopia, Peru, Tanzania, and the United States, full of rocks and loose gravel, reflecting little maintenance. Still, I bolted ahead of Debbie and Sara, trying to keep pace with our lead guide, Gabriel, who seemed to float over the slippery-steep terrain.

Roughly four-fifths of the way, as we rested next to a large boulder, Debbie and Sara decided to call it quits. They'd return to the hotel with German; I'd continue with Gabriel.

The trail didn't get any easier, with



Steven Moss makes it to the top.

PHOTO: Gabriel

the path increasingly no more than shallow scums of rubble. We trudged through snow, past a gorgeous glacier lake, arriving at our final ascent: a steep snowfield leading to an even sharper boulder patch. Gabriel explained that we'd be roped together, in case one of us fell into a crevice and needed to be pulled out.

"Quite often people hiking alone fall in and aren't found until a year later," he said.

I was tired, with a kind of weary foginess completely foreign to my younger self. And I was scared, with a rising anxiety I'd occasionally felt when I was on the precipice of diving to great depths, climbing at high altitudes, or skiing beyond my skill level. My death vision popped into my mind. I considered whether this was where my strength would fail.

"I'm not sure I have enough energy to do this, and get back down," I said.

"Okay," responded Gabriel, who continued to unpack his crampons and rope, steadily preparing for the climb. I sat down and stared up at the snowfield.

"Let me show you how to put on

your crampons," said Gabriel.

With that it was decided.

Traversing the snowfield was hard, but if I mostly kept my eyes on my feet quite doable. I gained confidence. Boulderling was easier than scrambling through scree. Before long we made it to the top.

The view was indeed mind blowing.

A couple decades ago I purchased a black t-shirt with an image of a dancing skeleton. I was in a Joseph Campbell "life is sorrow" period, leavened with a fascination with Kali, the Hindu goddess of time, doomsday and death. To me the t-shirt held a beautiful message: we're all going to die, the essential knowledge of which should, perhaps perversely, give joy.

I rarely sported the shirt, preferring to keep it as a closeted piece of art. Once I wore it at a Burning Man Decompression Party, during which I was approached by a young woman who complemented me on it, asked where I got it, and strolled away. I was convinced that she thought I was an undercover cop, attracted not by my attire but my generally square look, which over the years had periodically prompted people in music clubs to ask about my possible affiliation with the police.

Later, I wore the shirt at Burning Man. One of my campmates, who had recently lost a loved one, found it intensely appealing, repeatedly praising it, and inquiring where it was purchased, which I'd long forgotten. As she tearfully mourned her losses at the temple, a structure that fostered deep emotions, she stared longingly at my shirt. I took it off and handed it to her.

"You need this more than I do," I said. She hugged me fiercely.

I still mourn the loss of the shirt, odd, given its message.

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Election *Uber Alles*

On April 19, **District 6 Supervisor Matt Haney**, and chief of staff to San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin, **David Campos**, will compete in a runoff election for California Legislative District 17, representing the City’s eastern neighborhoods, including Dogpatch, Potrero Hill, and Bayview-Hunters Point. In the February 15 special election to determine the final contenders, Campos received 35 percent of the vote, Haney 37 percent, out of just 65,344 ballots cast. Turnout could be even lower in April since it’ll be the only race on the ballot. “We are running a corporate-free campaign, advocating for Medicare for All, a green new deal, and affordable housing. Our numbers were surging in the last few days before the February election, even as Haney’s campaign made big expenditures on advertising. Our campaign does not have that kind of money, so it’s great that we finished in a strong position,” said Campos. Haney wasn’t available for comment. The D17 seat became open when **David Chiu** was appointed City Attorney by **Mayor London Breed** last September. The runoff will determine who finishes Chiu’s term, which ends in December. Both Campos, who served as Supervisor for District 9 from 2008 to 2016, and Haney earned significantly more votes than businessman Bilal Mahmood, who was chosen by 21 percent, and City College Trustee **Thea Selby**, favored by just six percent of voters.

Brownfields

The **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** has gifted a \$200,000 Brownfields job training grant to Hunters Point Family. The nonprofit will recruit 60 Bayview-Hunters Point, Potrero Hill and Visitation Valley residents to be trained and certified in Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, underground storage tanks,

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was living on the street.”

The strike garnered the support of at least 15 local elected officials, including District 10 Supervisor Shammann Walton, San Francisco Board of Supervisors president, who represents the area in which CCA’s campus is located. Walton didn’t respond to a request for comment but issued a brief public statement that “we stand with the staff and faculty at California College of the Arts!”

During a rally at the San Francisco campus, District 6 Supervisor Matt Haney said, “we are 100 percent behind you.”

“The fact that folks have been negotiating for two years in good faith and have yet to be offered a fair contract; shame on you, CCA,” Haney was quoted in the news release. “Shame on you.”

The strikers raised more than \$20,000 through a GoFundMe campaign.

David Owens-Hill, CCA’s director of communications, told the View that “the college has called on the union to show respect for the process and continue our progress by coming back to the negotiating table. CCA remains ready and willing to negotiate as frequently as needed to achieve a fair and mutually beneficial collective bargaining agreement with our unionized staff. The college has a comprehensive proposal on the table that provides wage increases for our valued staff while also maintaining our ongoing commitment to student financial aid and a financially sustainable future for the college.”

He also said that students, just returning to classes as the COVID-19 pandemic wanes, were hurt by a strike.

“At a time when we are making rapid progress in negotiations and have reached agreement on so many items, a strike benefits no one; not our staff, not our faculty, and certainly not our students, who have just returned to fully in-person classes for the first time in nearly two years,” he stated. “Our goal is to work together to reach an agreement as quickly as possible and return everyone’s full energy and focus to our core mission of educating students. We made significant progress on a collective bargaining agreement before SEIU’s negotiating team and membership began to strike, and we’re ready to get back to the negotiating

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table to reach a fair and mutually beneficial agreement with our unionized staff so that we can return everyone’s full energy and focus on our core mission of educating our students.”

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a new low in January 2022, according to Altos Research. Still, Reno remains far more affordable than the Bay Area, despite the 22 percent housing price pop that occurred in 2021.

While wages in Nevada are roughly 19 percent less than in San Francisco, the cost of living is cheaper, by about 45 percent, according to Salary.com. Virtual work means some employees can keep their Bay Area salary while enjoying lower cost living out-of-state.

“At my income level, I was paying an inordinate amount of tax in California; in Nevada there’s no state income tax,” said Cliff Scheffel, who with his wife, Gayle, moved to Reno from Walnut Creek about six years ago. “I more than paid for the mortgage on my house on an annual basis by not paying California taxes. Unlike many people who may have downsized because of lesser housing prices, we bought a more expensive house than in the East Bay; we did an upgrade! We have a bigger house and still come out ahead because of the state tax situation.”

Rydinski agreed. “The ‘no state income tax’ is an extra 10 percent in earnings,” he said. “You never know until you do your taxes. After doing my taxes I asked myself, ‘What was I paying this in California for?’ I just got a California address, high housing prices, and overcrowding.”

Scheffel concurred, “I do not think you are getting what you should from taxes paid in California. When you cross from Nevada to California, you see a noticeably higher level of disrepair on the California side. The major cities in California are just plain dirty, much more so than Nevada.”

The Scheffels still own a home in San Francisco, at 20th and Texas streets, where some of their kids live, but have no intention of moving back

because of the City’s chronic homelessness, crime, crowding, and traffic congestion.

Scheffel, a partner at an executive search firm, said most of his clients were in Silicon Valley. He often spent two to three hours in the afternoon commuting back to his home in Walnut Creek.

“It became unlivable,” he said. “A good example is it takes less time to drive from my house in Reno to the airport, fly to San Jose, and Uber to my clients than it did driving from the East Bay. I can now save an hour by flying to San Jose from Reno than by driving from the East Bay.”

According to Cunha, being a San Franciscan used to be a source of pride. “You said ‘San Francisco,’ and people noticed. Now, sadly, it’s somewhat of an embarrassment and a huge disappointment,” he said, citing homelessness and crime. “I don’t understand how a place with so many resources can have some of the severe problems it does. There are no solutions so far despite huge spending.”

San Francisco’s population of individuals without permanent shelter is estimated at 8,000 and growing. Reno’s is less than 1,000 and dropping, according to *This is Reno*. The City’s property crime rate is almost twice as high as Reno’s, according to FBI data.

Neither Cunha nor Scheffel feel safe in San Francisco.

“The crime is a major deterrent to even spending the weekend in San Francisco,” Scheffel said. “Because of family, I go back every six weeks to the house on Potrero Hill, but I just find being in San Francisco is so different than what I experienced growing up. It’s not enjoyable anymore. I don’t feel safe walking on even the edges of the Financial District or Union Square.”

Cunha, Rydinski, and Scheffel all said they’d never move back to the Bay Area despite loving it previously. They aren’t alone. A study from the California Policy Lab released on December 15, 2021 found that the number of Californians moving to other states in-

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creased since the start of the pandemic. In the counties of San Francisco, Santa Clara, and San Mateo, exits rose by 34 percent, 26 percent, and 15 percent at the end of September 2021.

“I don’t think San Francisco is a Mecca anymore,” Scheffel said. “That’s what California needs to be concerned about.”

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existence.

“I got tired of the life I had chosen for myself,” he said. “Aurora is potentially the reflection of this concept.”

Barbone started a popup at Provender Coffee in 2019, which rapidly morphed into a weekly event at Ruby Wine next door. When the Provender space became available in 2020, he seized the opportunity.

“I have one life, the place is small enough, it’s next to my friend (Ruby). The two of us are basically like Macho

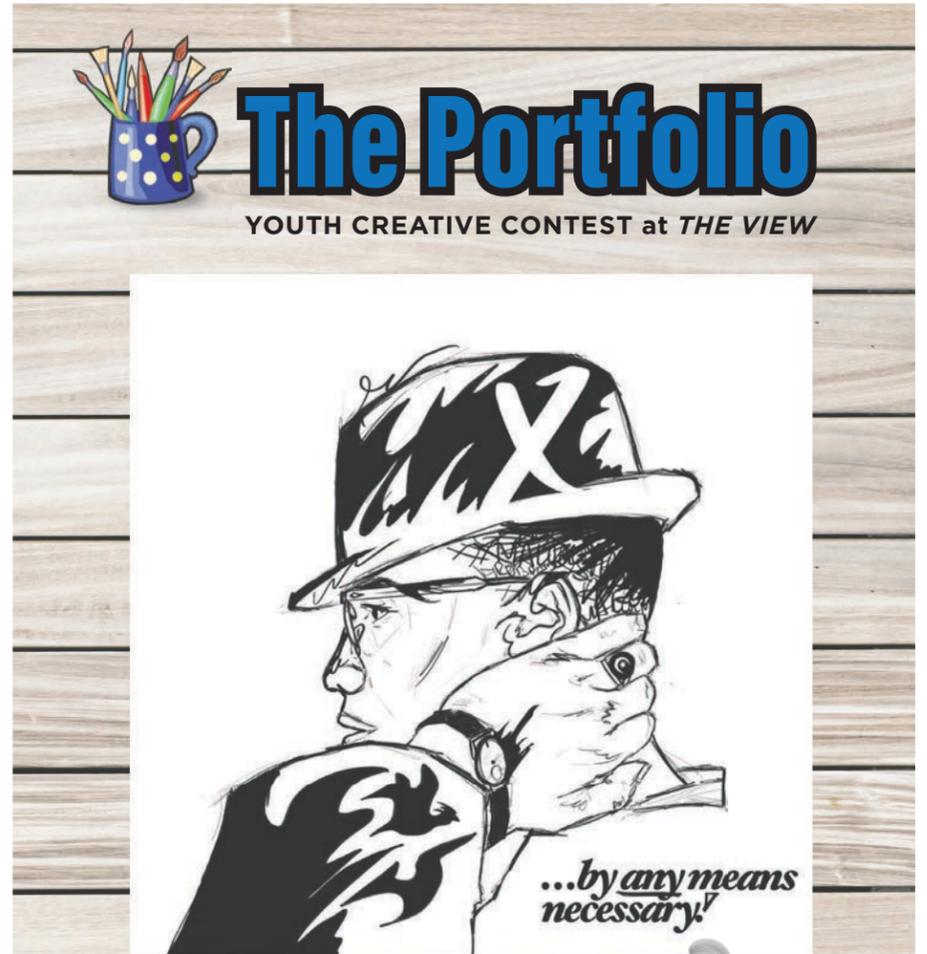
Man Randy Savage and Hulk Hogan, tag team number one,” he joked.

They built a parklet to give customers a place to interact, hoping to “gather people, and to give them a warm experience around food.”

“The selection that I have, you don’t find...I ship fish tins to 80 plus people once a month,” Barbone said, 30 of which are sent nationwide.

Alimentari offers five different kinds of pâté,” Barbone said, because “people don’t really have a good pâté experience here.”

With the shop almost at capacity, “I want to keep the cooking where it is,” he confessed, “I don’t think I can cook more. After a life of doing science, what really makes me happy is slicing meats, and talking about it! It’s all about you entering that door and talking to me... too me, that’s the added value of the whole experience...you might buy or taste something that you never thought you needed...You come here, and you know you’re going to have something new in your hands!”



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Andrew Chou-Belden is 16 years old, a sophomore at Lick-Wilmerding High School, and Vermont Street resident. He titled it El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. “This portrait of Malcolm X, drawn based on a photograph by Eve Arnold, 1962, is a nod to the Black Muslim movement. The intent of the piece was to sketch a more complete picture of Malik El-Shabazz and celebrate his contributions to Black Liberation.”

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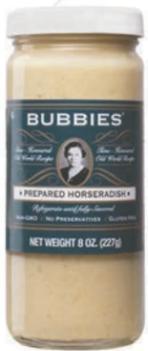


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**Siggi's
Yogurt**
5.3 oz -reg 3.29
\$2.49



**Support
Your
Local
Cookies**



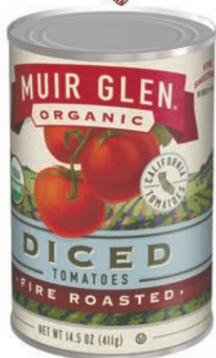
**Humphy Slocombe
Premium Ice Cream**
16 oz -reg 8.79 **\$7.49**



**Larabar
Energy Bar** **2/\$3**
1.7 oz -reg 2.29



**Pies On Sale
For Pi Day**



**Muir Glen
Organic
Tomatoes**
14.5 - 15 oz reg 3.29
2/\$4



**Evolution
Organic Juices**
15.2 oz reg 4.29-6.29
\$2.99-4.99



**Kerrygold
Dubliner
Irish
Cheese**
7 oz -reg 5.79-6.49
\$5.49-5.69



Spring-Forward With Us
Open 8 A.M. - 8 P.M. Everyday

Sale Prices effective March 3-31, 2022

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