

Young neighborhood maintains its old soul



Bicyclists coast down the path along China Basin Park in the Mission Bay neighborhood of San Francisco.

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Mission Bay checks all the boxes for an ideal place to live: Parks, bike lanes and affordable housing (by S.F. standards)

One of my first assignments as a Chronicle reporter in 2001 was the Triangle Sandwich Shop in Mission Bay. The owner had died suddenly, and hundreds of bereft regulars showed up near the isolated caf , surrounded by a sea of asphalt and crisscrossing train tracks, to honor both a beloved San Franciscan and a changing way of life in the neighborhood. Locals seemed to mourn the latter al-

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most as much as the former. Word was already out that this big empty space would become the next new neighborhood in San Francisco. When I've visited Mission Bay in recent years, I can't for the life of me tell where that throwback sandwich shop (most expensive

thing on the menu: a \$5.55 ham-burger steak) was located. But to my great surprise, the hometown vibes of the long-since-closed caf  remain in Mission Bay. Given a blank slate, city planners and developers built a neighborhood that retains its sense of community and history, while adding a wish list of modern quality-of-life amenities: transit options, pedestrian-friendly getaways and so

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OpenAI resisted Lurie's civic pitch

Mayor wanted company to partner with City Hall

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Ten days after OpenAI announced it was proceeding with its highly anticipated public stock market debut, Mayor Daniel Lurie sat down with a top executive at the San Francisco company and delivered a pitch. In a June 18 meeting at City Hall, Lurie urged the maker of ChatGPT to play a more prominent role in civic life by partnering with his administration on a new effort to improve the lives of local residents, documents obtained by the Chronicle show. But the company politely resisted the mayor's request — at least for now.

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New redwood hiking trail to open to public

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A new redwood hiking trail on California's North Coast will open to the public Saturday, with the creation of a unique tribe-owned recreation area. The trail is a key feature of 'O Rew Redwoods Gateway, a new attraction situated on Highway 101 in Orick (Humboldt County) just next to the most commonly used entrance to Redwood National and State Parks. About 1 million annual visitors travel to the parks to walk among some of the last remaining old-growth redwoods. Now, from a trailhead at 'O Rew, they'll

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Newsom tax returns show steady income

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SACRAMENTO — Newly released tax returns show Gov. Gavin Newsom and first partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom have consistently reported about \$1.2 million to \$1.6 million in taxable income since Newsom became governor, except for a spike in 2021. That year, the couple reported \$3.5 million in income, including a \$763,000 profit from the sale of their Kentfield house for nearly \$5.9 million. Newsom's wine businesses, which are in a blind trust, and other investments also yielded

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Giving S.F. staple cutty bang a shot ... or three

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San Francisco has taken credit for many iconic culinary treats, including the Mission burrito, cioppino, fortune cookies and, yes, even Rice-a-Roni. But does a makeshift cocktail sold in ziplock bags from nondescript markets belong on the list? Welcome to the sickly sweet legacy of the Cutty Bang, the blue-collar brother of another city classic, Irish coffee. For the uninitiated, the corner store cocktail-to-go might not seem like a contender on San Francisco food and drink lists. It is,

simply, a baggie filled with mini bottles of booze and a mixer, each with a blushing-inducing moniker, including Horny.com, Booty Call and far more obscene options. Nine dollars will get you the classic Cutty Bang, which is a can of Dole pineapple juice, one mini bottle each of Tanqueray and Seagram's gin and a mini bottle of Bacardi lemon rum. It's sweet, but less so than some other iterations, including the \$24 Gorilla Milk, made with Bartenders Trading banana liqueur and Hennessy, which requires courage and conviction to purchase and partake.

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Chronicle colleagues prepare to taste-test varieties of the cutty bang, a cocktail created from a baggie filled with mini bottles of booze and a mixer.