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MARSHALL

Tomales Bay property with commercial core hits market

Unclear what new owner would do with 17-acre site



A section of Marshall along Tomales Bay. It includes the Marshall Store and deepwater dock. PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER CHUNG — SANTA ROSA PRESS DEMOCRAT

By Natalie Hanson
SANTA ROSA PRESS DEMOCRAT

A historic mixed-use waterfront property in Marshall is for sale — raising questions about what a new owner might bring to the area.

The property, spanning four parcels over nearly 17 acres on the eastern shore of Tomales Bay, has been listed for the first time for \$13 million. It has 18 buildings, including four homes, a restaurant, a general store, a post office and an oyster operation.

The listing by HL Commercial Real Estate said the site along Highway 1 has “multiple income-producing and development possibilities.” The agency says the property generates about \$400,000 a year in revenue and has about \$250,000 in expenses.

Joe Morrison, a broker for the agency, said the property has three parcels zoned for village commercial-residential use, a designation intended to maintain historical character and community scale while allowing for new businesses serving locals and tourists, including industrial use.

The U.S. Postal Service is on a three-year lease to operate its office, and will likely want to remain for at least five years, Morrison said. The parcel, which wraps around the post office, is zoned for agricultural use and includes a deep-water dock and space for more



The Marshall Store in Marshall.

“Someone needs to give it a lot of love and make it look beautiful. I think someone’s going to come in and clean it up and hopefully it’ll be a bigger part of the community. I hope it becomes a community hub.”

— DANA CAPPIELLO, a real estate agent who is on the board of the East Shore Planning Group

homes and buildings.

“That basically means the permitting use allows restaurants, affordable housing, grocery, retail and more,” Morrison said. “With conditional use permits you could even do hotels, you could do larger restaurants, multifamily dwellings and even a marina.”

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MARIN COUNTY

Kitchen vendors for homes approved

Residents can make meals for public sale

By Richard Halstead
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Licensed Marin residents will soon be allowed to prepare food for sale in and out of their home kitchens.

County supervisors voted unanimously on Tuesday to opt in to a state law that allows the permitting of “microenterprise home kitchen operations,” known as MEHKOs.

Supervisors voted to approve the program on a three-year trial basis. It takes effect in March.

“Because these businesses operate in private homes, state law explicitly exempts them from commercial facility mandates,” said Shannon Bell, a Marin County environmental health supervisor. “MEHKOs do not require industrial grease traps, commercial hood ventilation, or multi-compartment sinks.”

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MIDTERMS

House seats in Bay Area in solid grip of Democrats

By John Woolfolk
BAY AREA NEWS GROUP

The battle for the U.S. House majority runs through California this November, but most Bay Area congressional seats are expected to remain in Democratic hands.

Most Bay Area seats remain safely Democratic, while the redrawn 1st District, now including more of Sonoma County, offers a potential Democratic pickup. California voters last year approved Proposition 50, redrawing House districts to favor Democrats and counter a similar move by Texas to favor Republicans.

Republicans currently hold the minimum 218 seats needed to secure a House majority, while Democrats hold 214 seats. California Rep. Kevin Kiley left the Republican Party and is running as an independent in a redrawn Sacramento-area district. Two seats remain vacant following lawmakers’ resignations in April.

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ISRAELI ELECTION

Scars from Oct. 7 fuel divisions over Netanyahu

Worst security failure in nation’s history threatens leader’s reign

By Josef Federman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — As Israel gears up for its first elections since Hamas’ Oct. 7, 2023 attack, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his opponents are putting it at the heart of their campaigns.

Nearly every poster, stump

speech or televised debate seems to reference the attack, which has scarred the country and remains fresh in the minds of voters. Three years on, the worst security failure in Israel’s history now threatens to end the career of its longest-serving prime minister.

“October 7 is kind of a framework for the entire politi-

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cal discussion that is going on,” said Tamar Hermann, an expert on Israeli public opinion at the Israel Democracy Institute, a Jerusalem think tank. “All of us are post-traumatic in a way.”

Netanyahu’s opponents want him to pay for the failures that led to the deadliest day in Israel’s 78-year history and plunged the country into

a series of inconclusive wars. His defenders say Netanyahu was betrayed by the military establishment and that he has led Israel through a dramatic rebound from its darkest hour.

A loss in the Oct. 27 election would likely end the career of the soon-to-be 77-year-old Netanyahu. A victory would mark the greatest turnaround yet for a man who has defied naysayers for three decades.

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A television channel advertisement featuring Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his main rival, opposition candidate Gadi Eisenkot, in Ramat Gan, Israel. ODED BALILTY — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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