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TRANSPORTATION

Ferries canceled ahead of rough Marin forecast

Boat trip changes among several local disruptions



A passenger arrives at the Golden Gate Ferry terminal in Larkspur on Saturday. **PHOTOS BY ALAN DEP — MARIN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL**

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In anticipation of king tides coinciding with another fierce storm, Golden Gate Ferry plans to cancel service in Larkspur on Tuesday and possibly Wednesday.

The mixture of swelling bay water and torrential rain is expected to flood the Larkspur Landing terminal parking lot and access roads, rendering it inaccessible, said Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz, spokesperson for the agency.

Golden Gate Transit buses will replace the ferry service. Riders will be directed to park at the overflow lot at Larkspur Landing Circle and Victoria Way, which is on higher ground than the main lot beside the bay. The bus stop is just north of the overflow lot.

"Because the district operates the bridge and our bus and ferry service under one roof, we are able to coordinate service changes across all three divisions to provide continuity to our customers during severe weather events," Cosulich-Schwartz said.

The district has added extensions to piles and modified utilities to avoid any damage when floats rise with the high tides. These improvements and the coordination of services between bridge, bus and ferry are all part of the district's regular operations and maintenance budgets, he said.



Sandbags are stacked against the base of fare machines at the Larkspur terminal on Saturday.

If flooding persists, the district might provide the same replacement bus service on Wednesday. If that happens, the district will send alerts by text message, email, social media and through its website, Cosulich-Schwartz said.

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China's spies long craved edge on AI chips

By Chris Buckley and Julian E. Barnes
THE NEW YORK TIMES

When China's top espionage agency updated its priorities this year, it added a revealing goal: overcoming Western barriers to technologies that Xi Jinping sees as crucial to China's rise.

At the heart of that quest are the advanced semiconductors needed to power artificial intelligence, including chips that the United States has barred U.S. companies like Nvidia from exporting to China.

China must "adopt extraordinary measures to intensify the drive for core technologies in priority sectors," Xi told the Politburo, a council of senior officials, in January, according to an official text of his speech. "As swiftly as possible, solve the 'chokehold' problems holding back development of future industries."

The spy agency, the Ministry of State Security, has long been dedicated to eliminating threats to Communist Party rule in China. Now, it has made it a priority to

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HOMELESSNESS

County adjusts shelter service

Site to open this week and extra nights added

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Marin County will activate its severe weather emergency shelter for homeless residents this week during a storm and king tide in the forecast.

Overnight shelter will be provided on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1111 Las Gallinas Ave. in San Rafael.

The shelter typically operates at the Marin County Health and Wellness Campus on Kerner Boulevard in San Rafael, but concerns about flooding in the Canal neighborhood prompted officials to make a change.

The decision to activate the emergency shelter was prompted by a National Weather Service severe weather and coastal flooding advisory and an expected king tide, according to a statement released Friday by the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services.

Anamaria Navarrete, a National Weather Service meteorologist, said the storm could deliver 1.5 to 2 inches of rain.

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CALIFORNIA

Security costly for sheriff in governor race

By Alex Wigglesworth
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco traveled to St. Louis earlier this year for a podcast appearance in which he touted his gubernatorial bid.

"I don't want to be the governor, but I know I have to have that spot to fix California," he said in the interview on Andy Frisella's REAL AF.

Bianco wasn't alone on the trip in late March, during which he also made a campaign stop at the headquarters of a supplement company Frisella founded. He was accompanied by a security detail consisting of a sergeant and two deputies from his department, which booked three rooms at the Ritz-Carlton, along with airfare and car rentals — all on the taxpayer's dime, according to a report from the Riverside County Auditor-Controller's Office.

In all, Bianco's protective detail, including their salaries, cost taxpayers nearly $3.2 million from October 2025 through last month,

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