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The Times-Standard

When Bridgeville was sold the first time, in May 2004, the price was about equal to the median price of a home in Marin County -- \$700,000.

That's an amazing concept.

But, since then, Marin's median home price reached a record \$943,000 in February, up from \$867,000 in January and up 16.7 percent from \$808,000 in February 2005, according to DataQuick Information Systems of La Jolla.

Now, the bidding for Bridgeville begins at \$1.75 million.

There is a 4-bedroom, 4.5-bathroom house for sale in Lake County for \$1,950,000.

Just to put things in perspective -- if you can do that when discussing buying a town.

Nestled in the hills along the Van Duzen River between the Six Rivers National Forest to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west, Bridgeville is more than real estate; it is a scenic part of what makes Humboldt County.

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We hope this 82-acre community's fate is determined quickly and ends up in good hands, with someone who will respect its beauty.

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