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Aptos - 1980 - Aptos Village site bought by investor

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A five-acre site in Aptos Village that includes buildings that collapsed after last fall's earthquake has been purchased by a Scotts Valley man, who plans to rebuild what was destroyed and make other improvements.

Henri Jeanrenaud, a Scotts Valley investor, purchased the five acres at 8024 and 8028 Soquel Drive from 100-year-old Paul Johnston, who has owned the land since 1922.

The property includes the home Johnston lived in, which is about 100 years old, Aptos Village Market, Aptos Village Garage and service station, and an area where Johnston's granddaughter, Leela Standal, once ran a horse stable.

The purchase price, according to county records, was \$1,125,000.

Jeanrenaud said yesterday he's thought about a housing project for seniors on the rear part of the property, just south of Spreckels Drive, but said it's not in his immediate plans. That part of the property is zoned for recreational use, Jeanrenaud said, and a zoning change would be needed for any development.

He said his first task will be to tear down part of the market that was weakened in the quake and preserve the remaining 1,600 square feet. The market has been closed since the quake, Jeanrenaud said, and the woman who ran it doesn't plan to return. The building could be used for a

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market or another commercial use, he said.

Three weeks after the earthquake, a wooden building that housed a barber shop, furniture store and interior design studio crashed into a gully.

Jeanrenaud said a water main that burst after the earthquake contributed to the collapse. The water "ran all night" after the quake, he said.

Some strengthening of the walls that held up the building and the street will be necessary, said Jeanrenaud, adding that he expects it will be two years before the building is rebuilt.

Jeanrenaud said repairs are being made to the main house, which he may turn into an antique store. There's also a screen-printing and design shop on the property.