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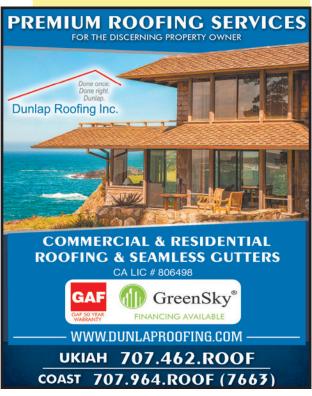
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blossoms that made it through the frosty mornings and all the days of intermittent snow we've had. There is a mystery to Life. A kind of gentle, fierce beauty. Nature's rhythm

The median strip of ground between our sidewalk and the street is crowded with the brilliant yellow of blooming daffodils, one of nature's hardy, delicate beauties. For most of the year this neglected strip is an embarrassing weed

patch that I keep meaning to do some sort of drought-tolerant landscaping to, but never seem to get around to, but in the spring it's the showplace of the neighborhood, thanks to these tenacious daffys that care nothing about me or my neglect.

The only other plant I know of that is as enduring is the evil ivy. My advice, never plant it!!! It smothers every other plant, climbs trees and strangles them, breaks up foundations and sidewalks, destroys house siding and fences. If it climbs up a tree, the only solution I know of is to cut the stems off near the ground, then again up two or three feet and let it die. In a couple of years you may be able to yank its dead tangles down - never while standing on a ladder!

I learned about ladder use outdoors the hard way. A typical four-footed ladder is extremely dangerous outside. One leg will often sink into the ground and you will fall. This happened to me and I have the lasting battle scars and injuries as a

reminder. A friend died after falling backward just three feet to the ground. If you must use a ladder outside, invest in an orchard ladder – one of those threefooted things with curved legs and a pole, resembling the Eiffel Tower. This is the only ladder to use on ground. And NEVER yank anything while standing on any kind of ladder. It can be literally deadly to do so.

Richard Jeske comes to our house each year to prune our fruit trees so that one never need stand on a ladder to pick the fruit. Richard refuses to stand on a ladder. A very wise man.

We live in a time when it's easy to get lost in other people's thoughts – one of the traps of media of all types, particularly social media and television. For me,

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The plum trees across the street are in full, dazzling bloom. Delicate pink my quiet mornings – sitting and writing a few pages while I sip my cup of tea - helps me to examine the thoughts going through my own mind - sometimes disturbing. At other times I am able to quiet my mind and appreciate another part of consciousness that is at peace.

> I'm rereading a book I love, for the fifth time, called "From the Ground Up: The Story of a First Garden" by Amy Stewart. Every year or two this poetic book seems to come to mind just when I need to be reminded of the wisdom it shares.

One thing it reminds me of is what a wonderful place we are fortunate enough to live in. A place of natural beauty, of life literally springing out

Of course we don't know what nature has in store for us much of the time. We do know that the seasons will change, and here in the Pacific Northwest, we will actually experience those seasons. In nature there are sunny warm times and rain, snow and cold. Our long, often hot, summers sometimes bring fire, nature's way of clearing out the old dead stuff to make way for new life, regeneration.

Nature's way is not always to human's liking. We sometimes forget that we are, in the big scheme of things, no more than part of nature. We can arrogantly forget or ignore that truth, and then nature reminds us. Yes, lately especially - once again - we sometimes think that through clear-cutting and poisons or war and violence we are somehow in control, but that's only an illusion. As the old bumper sticker said "Nature Bats Last." Always important to remember.

I've just finished Peter Zeihan's book "The End of the World is Just the Beginning: Mapping the Collapse of Globalization." A disturbing title, but fascinating book. Zeihan is a geopolitical strategist and researcher who consults with institutions all over the world. He's made a detailed study of the planet, locating the places with the best, and worst, food-growing conditions - also where often-scarce minerals and other resources are located.

In general, his hypothesis is that this very interconnected world humans have created that depends on safe and affordable shipping of goods and products, and of resources that only exist often in very limited locations on the planet, and depends on international cooperation – is winding down. Much of this super-

safe shipping is largely only possible because the U.S. military keeps the seas safe for shipping. No other nation has that capacity. I have to add here that I admire long-haul truck drivers. which are part of this system. Without them, we'd be out of food in our little town within days.

The U.S., with its two large coast lines, lots of reasonably flat land suitable for growing food, plus a large fuel supply and reasonably good relations with our sister nations of Canada and Mexico - all combine to help this part of the world be in a good position to survive the collapse of globalization, should it

Many other nations are not in such a good positon, such as China which has a rapidly aging population but not enough young people to keep up with its accelerated over-industrialization that depends on importing raw materials to be manufactured into something and shipped to world markets. It also lacks the geographical capacity to produce

adequate food for its large population.

Populations grew too large in some areas because of the abundance of convenient shipping, including the shipping of petroleum, which fuels much of the world for the time being. Zeihan suggests that the production of solar cells has a big resource footprint, since the elements that make those cells and storage batteries possible come from all over the world. Hopefully someday renewable energy will replace fossil fuels with improved technology but there's currently not enough energy to replace oil. We need to work on good alternatives to fossil fuels. Conservation of energy use is the major starting place.

Adequate food production depends on modern developments in farming, Zeihan thinks, and there is way too much demand for "meat" which requires huge resources to produce, an appetite that is not sustainable. There are healthy alternatives to meat. Cutting back is better for your health and the planet.

Enough said about Zeihan's research and thoughts. Other than to say, if he's right, humans are out of sync with nature and unavoidable "adjustments" are inevitable. It's time to focus on more localized "economies of scale" and appropriate population growth, and not think that nothing will change. Good reason to support local small farmers. They are integral to a secure food future. Change is one thing we can count on. Those changes are becoming more selfevident to those paying attention.

My small backyard garden is beginning to call to me lately. I've already planted broccoli, which appears to be doing well, despite some frosty mornings as I write this. I recently sprayed my fruit trees with dormant oil in an attempt to control the coddling moths that often get into my apples. They haven't started to bud yet. Soon I'll begin preparing garden soil with compost and manure, plus whatever else the soil needs so there are sufficient natural nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, along with those other things that lighten our often clay-heavy soils. Plants and worms need soil that they can root around in. Humble worms are essential to healthy soil, and thus, healthy gardens.

Many genetically modified crops are a dead end. They kill the insects that pollinate our crops and other fauna. They pollute and kill the soil, then run off into waterways and pollute our drinking water – and cost farmers billions of dollars with the false promise of perpetually larger crops. What a load of horseshit, and

We have to be wise about water usage in our climate where it doesn't rain for at least half of the year. Our dry, hot summers require the types of plants that can handle this climate. Wise water usage is essential. Mulch helps hold the moisture in the ground. Along with aged manure, rotted wood chips, and compost, one that I like is rice straw because it doesn't sprout like other straw. Unfortunately squash bugs like the cover of straw, so I don't grow squash for the time being.

I'll need to think about what might work better. Perhaps you have a healthy secret to keep those pesky-type bugs away - without toxic sprays that make the food unhealthy to consume and that kill pollinator insects - and us. I'm experimenting with diluted white vinegar this year.

It's always a good idea to plant the types of flowering plants that attract bees, butterflies, and the many other insects that pollinate our fruit trees and all types of plants. From nature's point of view, they are just as important as humans - perhaps more so. Insects are unquestionably essential to our survival. Just

Perhaps the garden will help me find and nurture that part of myself that encourages me to feel better about life. As I sip my tea and get ready for my morning walk, I notice once again the plum trees across the street, beautiful in

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How many of you have had to phone the Willits Police Department for some sort of assistance or service?

**Willits Police Department** 

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to further the community's understanding of the WPD and keep

our neighborhoods peaceful and safe: "Citizen Ride Along" and

the 11,000 calls to the WPD in a given year! Job alert - the WPD is currently looking to

hire a civilian dispatcher. You can learn more about the department and programs in the "Police" section under the "Departments" header at www.CityofWillits.

As a community, we are fortunate to have the WPD to protect our lives, our way of life, our investments. Hats off to our police

department, and a giant THANK YOU for all

Happy spring 2023!

#### My best and be safe

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### Tenants and landlords rights and responsibilities

When you rent property owned by someone else, it's important to understand your rights and responsibilities – and those of your landlord. Types of tenancy include fixed-term, periodic, tenancy at will, or tenancy at sufferance (also called holdover tenancy).

#### **Fixed-Term Tenancy**



Richard Selzer

The first type is fixed-term tenancy, whereby the tenant and landlord agree to a specific amount of time the tenant will lease the property. It may be a month; it may be a decade. For residential leases, it is usually a year. With a fixed-term tenancy, contract conditions are locked in at the beginning – all the details about rent payments, whether there can be pets, and are spelled out ahead of time.

how many people can live there, for example, In long-term commercial leases, as in a 10year lease, rent increases may be included based on a specific schedule or tied to a

typically remain static Unless there are unusual circumstances, such as a bankruptcy, the only legal way to break the terms of the lease is for both tenant and landlord to agree. Of course, there are plenty of illegal ways to break the

specific benchmark. For annual residential leases, rent payments

terms of a lease.

#### **Periodic Tenancy**

The next type is periodic tenancy. This agreement has no set end date and automatically renews at the end of each period, whether that be a week, a month, or whatever amount of time is agreed upon by tenant

If you are in a month-to-month agreement, this is a periodic tenancy. These are sometimes done by verbal agreement, but I highly recommend putting everything on paper because memories fail, and understandings can differ.

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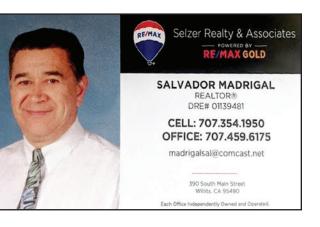
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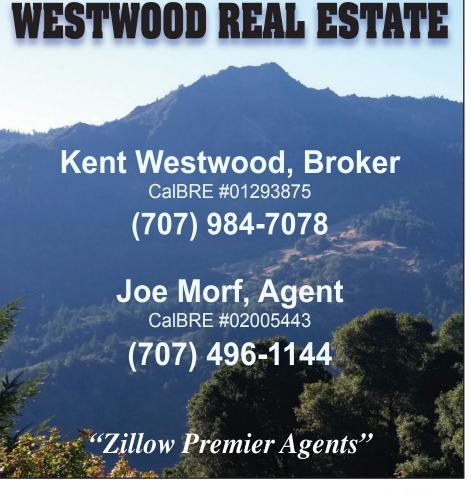


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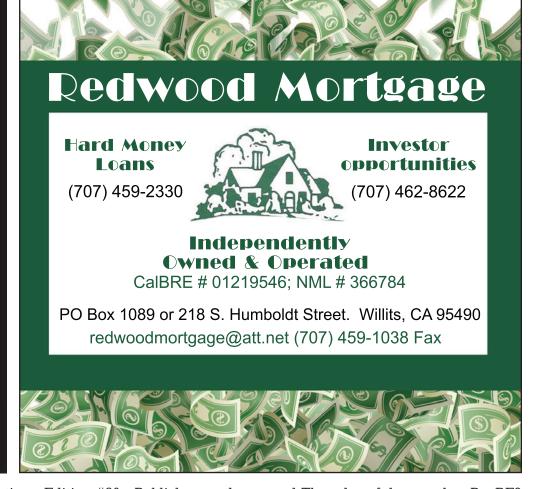
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The periodic tenancy ends when one party gives notice. Typically, either partner must give 30 days' notice.

#### Tenancy-at-Will

Tenancy-at-will is a less formal affair. This occurs when a landlord agrees that a tenant can live on their property without specifying for how long and without charging rent. As soon as rent is expected, the type of tenancy changes. Until then, tenancy-at-will remains in place.

An example would be allowing someone to crash on your couch rent-free for a few months. Be aware that once you allow someone to live in your house, you cannot kick them out on a moment's notice. In California, a landlord must give an at-will tenant 30 to 60 days' written notice depending on the length of tenancy before forcing them out - similar to the process for terminating a month-to-month tenancy.

As weird as it may seem to do a written agreement with a friend who just needs a place to stay for a bit, it's wise to protect yourself by writing up a short agreement that says your friend can stay rent-free for an agreed-upon amount of time, specifying start and end dates. This can prevent misunderstandings and hard feelings, as well as legal troubles.

#### **Tenancy-at-Sufferance (Holdover Tenancy)**

Tenancy-at-sufferance occurs when a tenant refuses to leave after the lease expires or when a tenant ignores a legal notice to comply with an existing lease (which may mean coming current on missed payments or, for example, finding a new home for your pet python that was not supposed to be there in the first place).

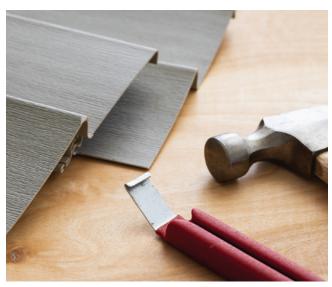
At this point, the landlord has three options: 1. To treat the tenant as a trespasser, 2. To begin eviction proceedings, or 3. To allow the tenant to stay by creating a new lease agreement and accepting ongoing rent payments.

If a landlord simply continues to accept payment without a new lease agreement, there is a tacit agreement that the new status quo is allowable. If you're a landlord, only accept payment if the current situation meets with your approval.

If you have questions about real estate or property management, contact me at rselzer@selzerrealty. com. If you have ideas for this column, let me know. (If I use your suggestion in a column, I'll send you a \$25 gift card to Loose Caboose!) If you'd like to read previous articles, visit https://selzerrealty.com and click on "How's the Market?"

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#### Siding materials to consider for your home

Exterior renovations consistently top the list of projects solution is added to protect against rot and insect infestation. that offer maximum return on investment, according to Remodeling magazine's annual 'Cost vs. Value Report.' Siding replacement is a popular exterior renovation and one that can completely transform the look of a home.

Siding comes in a variety of materials, and homeowners can explore the pros, cons and affordability of each to make the most informed decision when replacing their existing siding. Factors to consider apart from price include durability, maintenance and aesthetics.

#### Vinyl

Vinyl siding is one the most popular siding materials in North America. That popularity is perhaps due to the relatively low cost of vinyl siding replacement, which Forbes Home estimates is between \$6,150 and \$15,900 to install for a 2,000-square-foot home. A wide array of color options as well as weatherproof protection makes vinyl siding worthy of consideration.

PVC, which is what vinyl siding is comprised of, also is quite fire-resistant. Potential pitfalls of vinyl are that it can fade more quickly than other siding materials and is sensitive to excess UV exposure.

#### **Engineered**

Engineered materials cost more than vinyl but are considered very durable. They can be advantageous in damp climates or ones where insects are problematic. LP SmartSide<sup>a</sup> is a type of engineered hardwood that is very durable, so much so that a 50-year warranty often is offered for the product, according to First American Roofing & Siding. This material can be painted if homeowners desire a change of color down the line. This siding costs around \$2.50 to \$4.50 per square foot for siding and all trim accessories with an additional installation cost of \$5.50 to \$12.00 per square foot. The product is made of wooden strands that have been coated with wax for moisture resistance. A special zinc-based

A similar product, HardiePlank<sup>a</sup>, is engineered from a blend of cement, wood fibers, fine sand, and water. It is similar in price point to the SmartSide and offers resistance to rot and insects. HardiePlank also can be repainted.

Engineered products can be more expensive to install and generally are not DIY renovations, which may deter homeowners working on tight budgets.

#### Wood siding

Wood is one of the oldest siding materials. It can be stained or painted and comes in a variety of styles, from boards to shingles. It's a popular choice in historical homes or ones with classic, architectural details.

It's important to note that wood is a combustible material that can be susceptible to water and insect damage. It also needs to be maintained continuously to look its best. This makes wood siding a true commitment on the part of homeowners. The cost is midrange between vinyl and engineered sidings.

#### Metal

Those interested in one of the most energy efficient options in siding can look no further than metal siding. Metal isnOt just for roofing. According to Colonial Contracting, Inc., metal siding creates a uniquely modern appearance and comes in a variety of styles that complement homes.

Unlike fiber, wood or vinyl products, metal siding reflects the sunOs rays and keeps interior temperatures cooler in the summer, a boon in hot climates but maybe not the most insulating option for cold climates. One potential pitfall is the possibility of rust, which would make metal siding a less ideal choice for those who live near the ocean. The cost of metal siding is comparable to other siding products, at around \$10 per square foot.

These are a few of the siding options homeowners can investigate if they're revamping the exteriors of their homes.



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