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JAMES TENSUAN

Western tussock moth caterpillars had a population explosion this spring and are infesting Mountain View and neighboring cities.

A plague of caterpillars hits Mountain View

UNUSUAL WEATHER FUELS AN EXPLOSION OF HAIRY CRAWLERS ALL OVER TOWN

By Kevin Forestieri

It's hard to get around town without running into them. Hordes of hairy caterpillars, freshly hatched after a warm February, can be found

all over Mountain View and neighboring cities dangling down tree branches and wriggling on cars, playgrounds and garbage bins, leaving behind trails of stringy silk.

And while the hairy,

crawling critters tend to make their debut around this time every year, Mountain View parks staff acknowledge that there's an usually high number

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Family plans to sue over Tesla crash

LAW FIRM ALLEGES FAULTY TECHNOLOGY LED TO DEATH OF SAN MATEO MAN

By Kevin Forestieri

The family of a man who was killed in a fiery crash involving a Tesla Model X vehicle plans to file a wrongful death lawsuit against the car company over allegations of a faulty Autopilot system, according to an announcement by a legal firm representing the family.

San Mateo resident Walter Huang, 38, suffered major injuries and later died after his 2017 Tesla

collided with a median on Highway 101 in Mountain View on March 23. Vehicle logs recovered by Tesla showed that Huang had been using the vehicle's Autopilot function at the time of the crash, when the vehicle hit a cement barrier between Highway 101 and the Highway 85 carpool flyover, according to the company.

In an online post Wednesday, the law firm Minami Tamaki stated that the family intends to file the wrongful death suit against

Tesla, and could potentially extend the suit to any subcontractors involved in the design and construction of the Autopilot system. An early review by the law firm indicated that the Autopilot system installed in the Model X may have misread painted lanes on the roadway, failed to detect the concrete median and failed to brake the car, according to the post.

"The firm believes Tesla's

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City accountants regret business license mess

OWNERS DIDN'T GET FIRST NOTICE OF HIGHER FEES

By Mark Noack

Mountain View's finance department is sending out a mass apology after thousands of local businesses were sent letters warning they were delinquent in paying a new fee.

The pink warning letters were mailed in mid-March to about 2,700 businesses, or roughly two-thirds of the licensed businesses in the city. Business owners were notified in the letter that they were behind \$3 on their license payments. If the business didn't immediately rectify the unpaid bill, owners would face additional fines or penalties, the letters said.

Mountain View resident Mike Lehner said he was baffled as he read the notice sent to his wife Jennifer's health consulting business. He felt like the city was about to revoke their license.

"This was the first we heard about this," he said. "It gave us less than a week's notice, and it

said it was the second and final notice, but we never received anything before."

So in late March, Lehner went to City Hall with his wallet, and he found he wasn't alone. A crowd of other frustrated business owners was lining up outside the Finance Department office, angry about the abrupt warnings over \$3. City staff seemed to be struggling to control the livid group, he said.

The city did offer an online payment system, but many business owners were miffed that they would be charged a \$1.25 convenience fee for using it.

Finance Director Patty Kong agreed it was quite the mess. The last week of March her team had to deal with hundreds of irate business owners, in person and over the phone.

"It was an unfortunate event that this had gone out in this manner," she said. "There were quite a few people who had thought they had paid their

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NATALIA NAZAROVA

Jennifer Lehner was one of about 2,700 owners who received a surprising warning notice claiming they were behind on paying business license fees. Mountain View city officials later apologized for the misfire.

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COURTESY OF MATTHEW WEIL

Then-and-now photos of the Bay Bridge taken 85 years ago by one of its engineers and recreated by his grandson-in-law, are on display at Cafe Borrone in Menlo Park.

“THE BAY BRIDGE: AN ENGINEER’S PERSPECTIVE”

Menlo Park native Matthew Weil is presenting an exhibition of Bay Bridge photographs at Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino, Menlo Park. The show (on display through May 8) features a series of paired photographs: the first taken nearly 85 years ago by Charles Joseph “Joe” Knedel during his time as a civil engineer and surveyor on the original construction of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, and the second taken over the last year by fellow civil engineer (and grandson-in-law) Weil, who retraced Knedel’s footsteps. “The exhibit’s photographs demonstrate the remarkable evolution of San Francisco while highlighting the permanence and artistry of this iconic engineering structure,” according to a press release. Cafe Borrone is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Go to makintoshphotography.com.

‘STILL OFF CENTER’ AT GALLERY 9

The playful oil-on-canvas paintings of local artist Steve Curtiss are on display through April 28 at Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. Curtiss’ exhibition, titled “Still Off Center,” demonstrates his traditional skills with offbeat, clever sense of humor, with subjects including the local landscape, humans and animals (particularly cats), art history, paradoxes and cultural habits. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon-4 p.m. Go to gallery9losaltos.com.

PIANIST LARRY VUCKOVICH

Celebrated jazz pianist Larry Vuckovich will perform a concert of jazz standards and world music (with classical influences) on Sunday, April 15, at 3 p.m. at the historic Wunderman House, 655 Eunice Ave., Mountain View. Vuckovich survived Nazi rule and a communist takeover, immigrated to San Francisco from Montenegro (in the former Yugoslavia) in the 1950s, studied classical piano at San Francisco State University and became part of the Bay Area jazz scene, eventually playing with the likes of Mel Torme and Vince Guaraldi and developing his own blend of jazz, classical and Balkan folk, as well as a love of Latin styles. Tickets are \$25. Go to larryvuckovich.com or call 707-299-9964.

‘LONDON, 1845: GRATITUDE TO HAYDN’

Throughout its current season, The New Esterhazy Quartet (Kati Kyme and Lisa Weiss, violin; Anthony Martin, viola; and William Skeen, cello) have been celebrating highlights from throughout string-quartet history. The group will recreate an 1845 London concert in tribute to 18th-century master composer Joseph Haydn, performing four quartets spanning Haydn’s career on Sunday, April 15, at 4 p.m. at All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Tickets are \$30 general admission/\$25 seniors/\$10 students. Go to newesterhazy.org.

—Karla Kane

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CRIME BRIEFS

JUVENILES ARRESTED IN SEXUAL ASSAULT

Mountain View police arrested two boys at Graham Middle School on sexual assault charges last month following reports that the two had assaulted a female Graham student at Rengstorff park.

Police responded to the reports of the assault on March 13 around 3:30 p.m., arriving at the school and meeting with the two juvenile suspects, whose names are being withheld, and school personnel. In talking to the two boys, officers learned that the two had met with the victim at Rengstorff Park and allegedly assaulted her at some point during the meeting, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

One of the boys was arrested on rape charges, due to the age of the victim, as well as oral copulation. The second boy was also arrested for lewd and lascivious acts with a child and oral copulation.

—Kevin Forestieri

BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED

A man who was wanted in connection to a robbery at a U.S. Bank in Santa Cruz in January was arrested last week in Mountain View, police said Monday.

The 48-year-old suspect was taken into custody last

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100 block Moffett Blvd., 4/5
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200 block Hope St., 4/6
400 block Hope St., 4/6
400 block Hope St., 4/6
2000 block W. El Camino Real, 4/7

BATTERY

1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 4/2

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

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GRAND THEFT

800 block E. El Camino Real, 4/3
2700 block Del Medio Ct., 4/6
2400 block Garcia Av., 4/9

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POSSESSION FOR SALE

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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

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100 block Moffett Blvd., 4/5
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ROBBERY

1000 block Space Park Way, 4/9

STOLEN VEHICLE

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600 block Rainbow Dr., 4/3
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

COMPLAINT FILED OVER 'MISLEADING' RENT CONTROL BALLOT LANGUAGE

Tenant advocates are asking Mountain View officials to reject a proposed ballot measure that seeks to weaken the city's rent control law. On Monday, 18 residents filed a complaint to the city attorney alleging the proposed ballot language contains misleading statements that must be corrected before the initiative can begin gathering signatures.

In particular, tenant advocates took issue with assertions made in the proposed ballot language that rent control is draining

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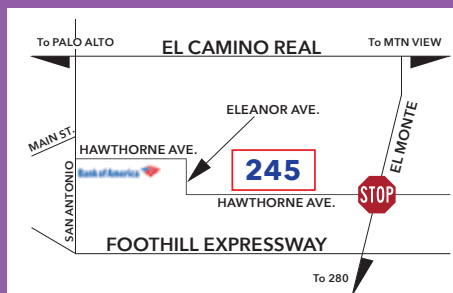
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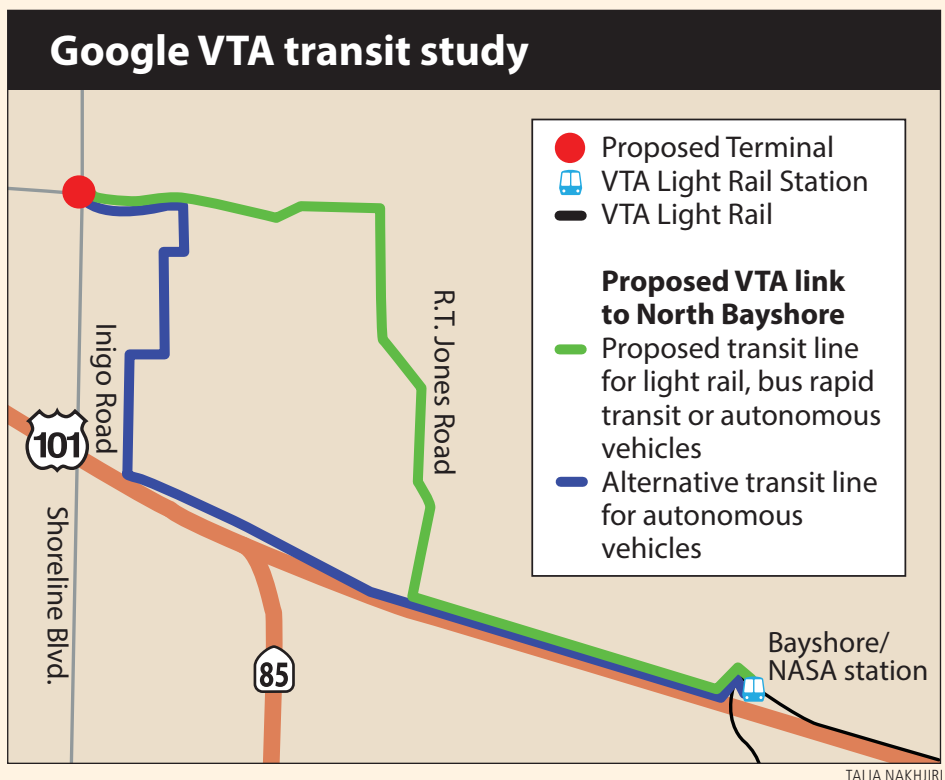


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A new VTA study proposed two possible routes for a new transit line that would connect the NASA/Bayshore light rail station to the North Bayshore area.

VTA study plugs autonomous vehicles

GOOGLE-FUNDED STUDY LOOKS TO LINK NORTH BAYSHORE WITH TRANSIT IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Mark Noack

Building expressways for autonomous vehicles could be the best option for creating a new transit link to Mountain View's North Bayshore neighborhood, according to a new report produced by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

The report released this week is the product of a lengthy partnership between Google and VTA officials that was originally announced back in 2015. At the time, Google paid the transit agency \$1 million to study extending the light-rail system out to the heavily

congested North Bayshore tech hub.

For the last three years, there have been almost no public updates on the study, and its status has been kept a secret even after it missed completion dates. Officials with VTA and Mountain View have told the Voice they could not previously disclose details because the study was owned by Google.

Now complete and available online, the final version of the transit report reveals that the study was retooled midway. Originally, traffic engineers focused solely on building a light rail extension — expected to cost up to \$500 million

— but they were later asked to broaden the study to include other alternatives.

VTA planning director Chris Augenstein, who authored the new report, said the study was brought back to the drawing board when it became clear other transit efforts were underway. He pointed to Mountain View's study to build a future automated guideway system.

"We revised our schedule to align our efforts because we wanted the two projects to inform each other," he said. "Google was very interested in

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Task force backs strict school boundaries

NEW ATTENDANCE LINES WOULD FORCE KIDS TO CHANGE SCHOOLS, BUT ALLEVIATE CROWDING

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District adopted new school attendance boundaries last year that promised to reduce overcrowding and bring neighborhood communities together around a common school. But when will the changes take effect, and how many kids will be uprooted?

It's a touchy subject that parents and school staff on the

district's Enrollment Priority Task Force (EPTF) have been grappling with since October. The group has been tasked with figuring out which families should be grandfathered into schools using the old boundaries as of the 2019-20 school year, and if so, for how long. Families in large portions of the city — including the Shoreline West, Wagon Wheel and Willowgate neighborhoods — face having to pull their children from

one elementary school to go to another, prompting some parents to call for a multi-year freeze on the new boundaries taking effect for currently enrolled students.

Despite frustration and demands for lax grandfathering privileges at a recent school board meeting, task force members largely agreed last month that the new boundaries need to take effect as soon as possible, with a

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Autopsy reveals Google engineer drowned in the Bay

POLICE SAY NO INDICATION OF FOUL PLAY IN MYSTERIOUS DEATH

Kevin Forestieri

The 23-year-old Google engineer who was found dead in the Bay in December drowned, but the circumstances surrounding her death still remain a mystery, according to autopsy and toxicology reports released last week.

Chuchu Ma's body was discovered floating naked and prone in a Sunnyvale canal along the Bay Trail on Dec. 7, just hours after her boyfriend called Mountain View police to report that she had gone missing. Ma's boyfriend reportedly said she

was behaving erratically in the days leading up to her death, and that a 911 call recording "revealed her to be confused and disoriented," according to the autopsy report. The report didn't indicate when the 911 call was placed or by who. Ma was reportedly seen entering the water the previous day with her cellphone.

Although the autopsy report revealed the cause of death was drowning, it did little to clear up the mysterious circumstances surrounding it. Her body showed signs of minor blunt force injuries, with red abrasions on several parts of the body including the forehead, upper back, chest and abdomen, but the report did not draw any conclusions from the injuries.

The autopsy found no evidence to suggest Ma was sexually assaulted prior to her death.

A review of Ma's medical history didn't reveal much either, the report stated, with no documented signs of "suicidal ideations or threats." Medical records showed a history of slightly elevated fasting glucose levels, and she had signs of pancreas inflammation, according to the autopsy report.

A toxicology report shows that Ma did not have any

noteworthy drugs or medications in her body when she died, finding only elevated levels of caffeine. The tests screened for a laundry list of substances including ethanol, amphetamines, antidepressants, antipsychotic agents, opioids and sedatives.

The autopsy report listed the manner of death as "undetermined," but noted that Ma's strange behavior prior to the death may have led her to get into the water.

"Her reported confused state is highly suggestive of psychotic behavior and may explain her entry into the water," according to the report.

Sunnyvale police released a brief press release Monday afternoon stating that the department's investigation found no evidence of foul play in Ma's death. The investigation sought to retrace her steps leading up to the discovery of her body on Dec. 7 to determine if anyone was involved in her death, but it did not include trying to figure out why she may have entered the water and drowned, according to Cpt. Shawn Ahearn of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety. Determining the manner of death falls under the purview of the autopsy report, he said.

"There is no evidence to indicate foul play," Sunnyvale police said in the press release. "And because intent cannot be unequivocally determined, the medical examiner has ruled the manner of death to be undetermined."

Ma joined Google as a software engineer in July 2016 after attending the University of Texas at Austin, according to her LinkedIn profile. The company put out a statement shortly after her death offering condolences and noting that she was an "excellent" software engineer on the developer product team. ■

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Proponents rally behind Measure E bond

MAJOR \$295 MILLION CONSTRUCTION PLANS SEEN AS CRITICAL FOR DEALING WITH HOUSING GROWTH

By Kevin Forestieri

Starting this week, Mountain View and Los Altos residents can expect to see lawn signs and glossy mailers drumming up support for a \$295 million school bond that promises to alleviate overcrowding and keep up with the demands of heavy housing growth in the region.

Mountain View-Los Altos High School District board members voted to put the bond, Measure E, on the June 5 ballot as a means to finance new classrooms and just about every other school facility that needs fixing. The most pressing need for the bond, according to school officials, is that near-term housing growth — almost all of it in Mountain View — is expected to bring an influx of 500 additional students between the 2016-17 and 2020-21 school years.

Trouble is, Los Altos High School is already packed to the gills, and Mountain View High isn't too far behind. Board member Fiona Walter, a member of the campaign, said the district has fought to keep class sizes low

and has always hired enough teachers to handle the increase in extra students each year. But the district is at a point where there's simply no classroom space left, and even getting around the campus has turned into a challenge.

"If you want to see a full campus, go to a passing period at Los Altos when there's only 10 minutes to get to class," she said. "You just can't do it, it's just jammed."

The argument in favor of Measure E, filed with the county Registrar of Voters last month, argues that projected enrollment growth means the district will need dozens of new classrooms, along with major upgrades to cafeterias, libraries and other ancillary facilities that were never designed to serve upwards of 2,000 teens.

"Top-notch teachers and innovative award-winning academic programs make our (schools) among the best in the nation, keeping property values and our community strong," according to the argument.

The argument was signed by Walter, Mountain View councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga,

Los Altos councilwoman Mary Prochnow, former Mountain View Chamber of Commerce CEO Carol Olson and Larry Chu, owner of Chef Chu's.

Similar to past school bond and tax measures, tax-averse groups like the Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association filed arguments against Measure E, calling it an unnecessarily expensive ask just eight years after the district passed the \$41.3 million Measure A bond, which financed new classroom construction and energy-efficient projects. Measure A was passed as a means to handle growing enrollment for at least the next decade, and the argument calls into question why this bond is seven times more expensive this time around.

"Now just eight years later, they're back, again, for \$295,000,000 of your money to do the same thing all over again," the opposing argument states. "It's amazing how quickly classrooms and technology deteriorate."

The argument was signed by Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association president Mark W.A. Hinkle and Jennifer Imhoff,

chair of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County.

Walter pushed back, and said it would be wrong to conflate the role of Measure E with Measure A — the latter of which had a small but important scope of building badly needed new classroom wings, solar installations and classroom modernizations. She said the new classroom wings are not being replaced with Measure E projects, despite the claims in the opposition argument.

"We needed those classrooms, and they're beautiful and they take nothing out of the Measure E bond — they're done," she said.

The template for how the district plans to spend the money is spelled out in the Facilities Master Plan, which was completed earlier this year and shows an itemized list of roughly \$300 million in projects across the district, primarily at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools. It proposes adding a net increase of 28 new classrooms, and demolishing the oldest, run-down portables and buildings dating back to the 1950s and 1970s.

Walter said district staff and trustees "absolutely" intend to stick to the plan, but the rebuttal to the argument in favor of Measure E — again signed by Hinkle and Imhoff — says there's no requirement or guarantee that the district won't stray from the project list.

"Measure E only promises that the money will be used for the 'types of projects' listed. Bate (sic) & switch?" the rebuttal states.

Bonds dating back several decades show the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District has a fairly austere track record, asking for relatively bite-sized bond measures in the 1990s and again in 2010. An analysis by the firm Isom Advisors found the district has the lowest tax rate among 32 school districts in Santa Clara County by a large margin, costing taxpayers a rate of \$10.70 per \$100,000 of assessed value. Passing Measure E would increase that rate by \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

The Measure E campaign kicked off in March with a big contribution of \$40,000 from Kramer Project Development Company, Inc., a San Jose-based construction management firm that has a long history with

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licenses already.”

The problem, Kong said, was the city’s automated software for sending out notices. The system was set up so it didn’t send out notices for amounts less than \$5 until they were delinquent. For that reason, an initial notice that was supposed to go out in January was never actually sent out, she said.

While the businesses still needed to pay the fee, Kong admitted her department had dropped the ball by not giving ample notice. The final-warning letters were also poorly worded, she said, making it seem like business owners were on the cusp of penalties. In late March, her office sent out thousands of apology letters that tried to clarify the situation.

The new fee being levied on all businesses comes as part of new state legislation intended to increase disability access. Starting in October 2017, all California business license-holders were charged an additional \$1, and this fee increased to \$4 at the start of 2018.

Kong said all businesses with licenses valid for 2018 are required to pay the new state surcharge, regardless of whether they paid their license fees months earlier.

About 1,600 businesses have paid the new state fee, according to the Finance Department. ▣

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SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

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small exception for kids entering fifth grade to finish attending their elementary school.

The new school boundaries, which the board adopted last year, had several goals in mind. A big chunk of Mountain View — east of Highway 85 and north of Central Expressway — was zoned for the new school at Slater Elementary, which is set to open in 2019 and needed its own area from which to draw students.

The boundaries also limited the enrollment pool for the popular Bubb and Huff elementary schools to residents living south of El Camino Real, which was seen as an important way to reduce overcrowding at both schools. Bubb and Huff are both currently out of permanent classroom space and house students in portable classrooms, which will remain in place until enrollment declines at the schools.

Projections following this year’s open enrollment process, released last week, show the scope of the problem: Bubb and Huff elementary are expected to have 111 kindergarten students for the 2018-19 school year, requiring at least five kindergarten classrooms and a whole lot of portable buildings to stay below mandated student-to-teacher ratios. District estimates show kindergarten enrollment would decrease to 101 students at Bubb and 93 students at Huff if the new attendance boundaries boundaries were to take effect.

But turning the new boundaries — and the benefits they are supposed to bring — into a

reality anytime soon means that hundreds of students will need to be relocated. At the March 15 board meeting, Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said the task force split into two groups with slightly different takes on grandfathering. The first proposal, dubbed Recommendation A, called for no grandfathering at all — as soon as the 2019-20 school year starts, kids would be subject to the new boundaries. The second proposal, Recommendation B, proposed allowing grandfathering for incoming fifth-grade students so they can finish going to elementary school at the same location.

Parent Lindsay Phillips told board members that the task force should soften its stance on grandfathering, and allow students like her daughter to finish attending elementary school without being displaced by the new boundaries. She said neither recommendation seems to take into account what’s good for the kids and families affected by the boundary changes, and that it would disrupt the stability children need when growing up.

“Kids thrive and grow when they have trusted adults in their lives, and schools build those relationships between children and their teachers and support staff,” she said. “Upending these relationships is a poor decision that is detrimental to the well-being of children.”

Shoreline West parent Lauren Rodrigues argued that the district should grandfather “as many students” as possible during the transition, and that trustees ought to give equal weight to the needs of all residents.

“We need a smooth transition to these new school boundaries, we need continuity for our children and our neighborhood, and grandfathering would allow for a reasonable adjustment to a huge change,” she said.

Others took aim at the district’s process, and expressed frustration that neither of the two recommendations go beyond allowing one year of grandfathering. Bubb parent Gina Chen said she was told the task force would seriously consider a policy to allow students to continue attending their current school regardless of boundary changes. But she said the task force members — only one of whom has a child who would be displaced — treated the affected students as an afterthought.

“We were assured that grandfathering would be discussed with the EPTF and to be patient,” Chen said. “We trusted that meant there would be thoughtful discussion with fair representation for all children and recommendations backed by data. Apparently this is not the case.”

Rudolph said the community is split on grandfathering, largely depending on where parents live and what’s best for their children, and that any solution is going to leave some people unhappy. But he said it would be unfair to describe the task force as dismissive, and that the group of parents and staff have had lengthy debates about extending grandfathering to multiple grade levels.

“I don’t want people to feel like these individuals are not debating this and really talking about it,” he said. “I don’t want

to diminish their work because they are having substantive debates and they are thinking about every single family that is impacted.”

Though both groups in the task force are still tweaking recommendations — and it’s not clear whether the final recommendation to the board will be collapsed into one or bifurcated — neither recommendation is poised to take a wildly different position on the issue. At the March 27 meeting, task force members working on Recommendation B stood by grandfathering for incoming fifth-grade students in the 2019-20 school year — which would not extend to siblings — while the group working on Recommendation A softened its stance to allow fifth-grade grandfathering as well.

Switching over to the new boundaries wouldn’t be a slam dunk when it comes to solving overcrowding at all of the district’s schools. The Shoreline West neighborhood, which district officials determined extends west all the way to Chiquita Avenue, would be zoned for Landels Elementary, boosting the school’s incoming kindergarten class to a staggering 158 students, according to district estimates. If the numbers hold true, district officials would need to provide a total of seven kindergarten classrooms at the school.

The next task force meeting is scheduled for April 24, and is open to the public. The meetings are typically located at Stevenson Elementary in conference room “D,” and start at 6:30 p.m. ▣

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SCHOOL BOND

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Mountain View-Los Altos. The company has managed projects for the district since 2008, including Measure A projects, and helped the district put together the Facilities Master Plan and the forecast costs of each project. The firm did not respond to requests for comment on the contribution.

District officials have described the master plan for months as striking a careful balance between fiscal responsibility and state-of-the-art facilities, which doesn’t exactly lend itself to cheer-leading campaign slogans. Walter said she believes Measure E will bring great facilities to students in the district, but that it stops short of granite countertops and other decadent amenities.

“My example is that it’s not a 1960s Chevy but it’s also not a Porsche,” she said. ▣

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JAMES TENSUAN

Eagle Park is one of the spots that has been hard hit by crawling hordes of caterpillars. City officials say they're working to clear out the pests.

CATERPILLARS

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of caterpillars this season, and is taking steps to clear out the pests that have completely overtaken parks, play structures and other public spaces.

The culprit appears to be the western tussock moth caterpillar, which emerge from eggs as black-haired caterpillars around March and April, according to the University of California's Integrated Pest Management program. Mature larvae tend to stick around until mid-spring, when they spin cocoons, emerge, and can continue to pester residents as moths.

Although the city of Mountain View treated trees in the city with a "systemic" insecticide to control the population of caterpillars, hot weather in February diminished its effectiveness. The result is that tree-heavy regions of the city — including residential yards and some city parks — have become inundated with a plague of wriggling caterpillars. Residents on the social media website Nextdoor are reporting unusually high numbers of caterpillars at Eagle Park as well as Castro and Mistral elementary schools, and complain that they are putting a damper on outdoor activities.

"Unfortunately our very, very warm February caused an early hatch before the insecticide had been fully absorbed by the trees," Bruce Hurlburt, the city's parks and open space manager, told residents in an email.

Hurlburt told the *Voice* in an email that this year's infestation is worse than prior years, and that the city is trying to address the nuisance. While they don't pose a health risk, the long "hairs" on the backs

of caterpillars can irritate skin and cause a rash when handled. More problematic is the fact that a critical mass of moth caterpillars can make quick work of the leaves on trees, and can completely defoliate the canopy in a matter of days.

Parks staffers are vowing to take action — at least at city parks — by blasting play structures with pressurized water and sweeping away caterpillars at locales including Eagle, Pioneer and Rengstorff parks. In the most affected areas, staff will be using an insecticide known as Evergreen Pyrethrum Concentrate to bring down caterpillar populations while minimizing the effect on other insects.

Hurlburt said city staff will be treating areas with the highest concentrations of caterpillars, and will be administering the insecticide into trees through a power sprayer. The spraying will be done early in the morning, and treated areas should be safe to enter about an hour afterward, he said. Residents struggling with their own small-scale invasion can spray off caterpillars with a hose, or, if it's truly problematic, call a pest control company.

Other agencies have sought less chemical-oriented strategies. During a particularly bad caterpillar outbreak in 2007, Stanford University sought an alternative to pesticides by setting the stage for a small-scale war, unleashing spined soldier bugs and nematodes as a way to bring down the population of tussock moth caterpillars. Other Stanford documents show the university has sought to use power washing on trees in lieu of insecticides. ▀

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WeirdStuff shuts down

POPULAR ELECTRONICS STORE OUSTED BY GOOGLE

By Mark Noack

A relic of Silicon Valley's early days, the electronics warehouse WeirdStuff is closing up shop for good this week. For more than 30 years, the Sunnyvale surplus retailer located just east of Moffett Field has been a favorite hangout for a loyal crowd of garage tinkers, bargain hoarders and metal scrappers.

For some, WeirdStuff was like visiting the junkyard; for others it was like the free version of the Computer History Museum. Since it first opened, the electronics store has hawked all manner of surplus electronics, much of it ranging from the obscure (tablet prototypes, LaserDisc players) to the obsolete (classic floppy disk drives, 56K modems).

It all started back in 1986, when WeirdStuff founder Chuck Schuetz was working as an engineer at a floppy drive manufacturer. He hated how his company would discontinue product lines and then callously send thousands of perfectly good units into the landfill. He was convinced

there must be a business niche in acquiring these surplus products on the cheap and then reselling them. So he opened his own store.

"If it had a plug or it's an electronic device, we'd apply our knowledge to figure out how we could sell it," he said. "We'd get all these people coming into the store and saying, 'What's all this weird stuff?'"

Hence the name, WeirdStuff.

The store and its sprawling inventory attracted a dedicated group of customers and employees, some who have been with the shop for more than 25 years.

In some years, the business model worked like a charm, he said. WeirdStuff would buy up discontinued units from manufacturers. Then a couple years later, his shop would be the only source for finicky customers wanting an exact replacement for their aging computers.

But like many other local small businesses, WeirdStuff could no longer make it work as a retail shop amid a changing Silicon Valley. The writing was on the wall about six months ago

when Google acquired the shop's Sunnyvale location with plans to build a new campus. The tech giant gave Schuetz notice that he would need to move out, but the cost of rent made it infeasible to reopen elsewhere, he said. But he doesn't begrudge the company for it.

"I have nothing bad to say about Google; they could have been a lot nastier," he said. "But it's just a shame that a lot of small companies can't make it in this area."

WeirdStuff closed for good on Monday, after signing a deal to liquidate all its remaining inventory in a sale to the Outback Equipment Company, a Gilroy-based computer parts reseller. It will take weeks to clear out the warehouse, Schuetz said, and he expects it will be a bittersweet experience.

"What's going through my mind? Nostalgia and sadness," he said. "There's so much equipment here. When you pick something up, you remember the story behind it. It's a shame that all of this won't exist anymore." ▀

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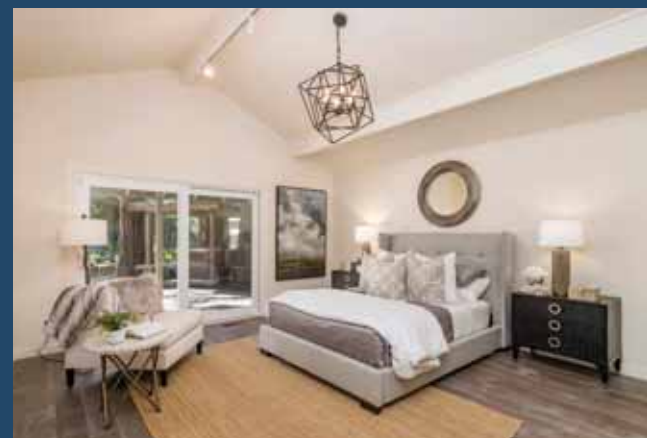
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TESLA

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Autopilot feature is defective and likely caused Huang's death, despite Tesla's apparent attempt to blame the victim of this terrible tragedy," the law firm said in a statement.

The company lists grounds for the suit including liability, defective product design, and intentional and negligent misrepresentation.

In a blog post last month, Tesla officials said the company reviewed the crash and found that Huang had Autopilot engaged in the moments before the crash, and that he had ignored "several visual" and one audible warning to take the wheel again. The vehicle did not detect Huang's hands on the steering wheel during the six seconds prior to the collision, according to the blog post, and he had "about five seconds and 150 meters of unobstructed view

of the concrete divider."

Tesla doubled down on the argument that Huang was largely at fault for the crash, noting that the "only way for this accident to have occurred is if Mr. Huang was not paying attention to the road, despite the car providing multiple warnings to do so."

"The fundamental premise of both moral and legal liability is a broken promise, and there was none here," according to the statement issued to media outlets Wednesday. "Tesla is extremely clear that Autopilot requires the driver to be alert and have hands on the wheel. This reminder is made every single time Autopilot is engaged."

In the weeks following the crash, Tesla officials have emphasized the strong safety track record of the company's Autopilot technology, citing statistics showing that crashes are far less likely to occur when Autopilot is active. The company cites statistics gathered by a federal

traffic safety agency showing that the first iteration of Autopilot, released a year ago, reduced crash rates by about 40 percent, and argues that the technology has only gotten better since then.

"The reason that other families are not on TV is because their loved ones are still alive," Tesla officials said in the statement.

Both Tesla and the aggrieved family have also pinned blame on Caltrans for allegedly failing to maintain a safety guard, known as an attenuator barrier, at the location of the crash that could have reduced the impact of the crash. Tesla officials claimed, shortly after the accident, that the barrier had "either been removed or crushed" in a prior accident and had not been replaced. The Minami Tamaki law firm also said the family "may" file a lawsuit against the California Department of Transportation for what it calls dangerous conditions of public property. ■

TRANSIT

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things that could be done right away. They wanted to make sure we weren't just looking at things that were 10 years out."

Given that direction, apparently no transportation idea was too far-fetched for consideration. The study's authors examined the merits of electric skateboards, Segways and motorcycles (both with and without sidecars). Various types of aircraft were also examined, such as helicopters, blimps and personal jets. They even considered some outlandish prototypes like flying cars, hover bikes and automated drones.

Most of these aviation technologies were eliminated for being too immature, but the study indicated they could someday be dusted off as feasible transit options.

In the end, the rapidly advancing technology for autonomous vehicles rose to the top as one of the best options in the Google-funded study. No mention was made of the company's own self-driving division — Waymo — but the study did refer to various other firms developing this technology.

The VTA report graded transit options based on price, the

ability to move riders and the level of impact on the environment and surroundings. The study authors also wanted a transit system that could be easily linked to current systems and expanded in the future.

Autonomous vehicles were seen as one of the most promising options in the study. The VTA report pointed out that this technology could soon be adopted for mass transit: a self-driving bus, for example. Alternatively, self-driving cars could be chained into a "platoon" that could operate more like a train. VTA officials studied the possibility of building dedicated lanes on streets for self-driving cars so they could speedily move past traffic congestion. Another option would be to build an elevated track.

Along with autonomous vehicles, the VTA study also plugged dedicated bus lanes and the agency's own light-rail system as qualified options that could satisfy North Bayshore's transit demands.

Any transit systems would need to start at the Bayshore/NASA light rail station and go about 2.5 miles to the center of Google's campus at Shoreline Boulevard and Charleston Road.

Two potential routes were proposed in the study. A dedicated expressway for autonomous

vehicles could run west along Highway 101 from the Bayshore/NASA station to Inigo Way, where it would turn into North Bayshore. Alternatively, a route for self-driving cars, buses or light rail could be brought up R.T. Jones Road along the NASA Ames campus. This option would require a new bridge to be built across Stevens Creek.

Going forward, it will be up to Google officials to decide what to do with the new transit report, according to VTA officials.

Mountain View Councilman John McAlister, who sits on the VTA board of directors, said he was encouraged by the new study. He hoped it could eventually help forge some kind of public-private partnership to pursue local transit solutions.

"We need to go to the next level. We can't be relying on just widening the highways (and) buses and light rail," he said. "It's going to have to be a confluence of different opportunities to get people out of their cars."

The Mountain View City Council is scheduled to discuss the VTA report at their April 17 meeting, according to city staff. The new VTA report can be viewed at tinyurl.com/VTAnewStudy. ■

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CRIME BRIEFS

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Santa Cruz police said he is currently at the San Mateo County Jail on separate charges, but the process to extradite

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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money from the city's general fund. This seems to be a reference to a \$1 million loan the city was obligated to make to help launch the program after its passage. Rent control advocates point out that loan has been repaid in full, and they say it is false to claim the program will take any more money from the city.

The rent control program is funded through an annual fee on apartments.

The group Measure V Too Costly submitted the proposed voter initiative to the city on March 30. Members describe it as a sensible set of reforms that would fix major flaws in the city's rent control regime. But opponents say the measure's language would actually result in repealing most of the tenant protections approved by voters in November 2016.

Mountain View's city attorney has until next week to review the submitted ballot language and issue a summary of its provisions. After that step, organizers can begin the process of gathering signatures to put the measure on the November ballot.

THREE-PART SPEAKER SERIES ON ISLAM

The Mountain View Human Relations Commission will be hosting a three-part speaker series on "Understanding Islam," led by Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian. Each event will feature a panel of experts and activists from the Muslim community.

Last year, Simitian led a similar Islamic series in Palo Alto, which was well-received and sold out. He said he hoped more citizens could attend now that the event will be repeated at a larger venue in Mountain View.

The first event in the series, "What does it mean to be Muslim?" will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on April 16. The next panel will discuss "Women and Islam" from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on April 23. The final event will focus on domestic fears of Islamic extremism, and will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on April 30. All the speaker events will be held at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St. Admission is free, but space is limited.

To RSVP for the event or get more information, visit supervisorsimitian.com.

—Mark Noack

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL NAMES NEW PRINCIPAL

A former St. Francis High School student and East Bay

school administrator has been tapped to be the new principal at St. Francis, marking the latest in a leadership shuffle at the school.

Katie Teekell, who currently serves as vice principal at Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward, was selected by a search committee convened by the St. Francis High School Board of Directors following the retirement of current principal Patricia Tennant. Teekell takes the new job effective July 1.

Teekell graduated from St. Francis in 2000, and launched her career in education with a degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 2005. After working as a teacher and a coach at Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland — and later the director of student services — she took an administrative role at Moreau Catholic High. Her current vice principal role includes far-reaching oversight of student activities, instruction, counseling, academic support and discipline.

"Katie is a proud Saint Francis graduate who embraces and embodies the Holy Cross charism and will inspire our students, faculty and staff," St. Francis Interim President Tony Mancuso said in a statement released last month.

The selection comes less than

two months after former St. Francis High School President Simon Chiu announced his resignation, ending a three-year term in the leadership role at the school. The announcement and resignation letter were scant on reasons for the decision, only that Chiu sought to "pursue other opportunities." Board members picked Mancuso to serve as interim president.

—Kevin Forestieri

BILINGUAL ELECTION OFFICERS SOUGHT

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is calling for 5,000 to 6,000 election officers to serve in over 800 polling places around the county for the June 5 election.

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July 28, 1938 - February 4, 2018

Bonifacio "Benny" Medina Alvarado was born on July 28, 1938 and after bravely battling illness for the past three years, God called him home on February 4, 2018. He was 79 years old. He is survived by his devoted wife Lynn, four children, eight grand-children, and four great grand-children. Born in Santa Rita, New Mexico, he was one of seven children and now is only survived by his brother Robert in Silver City, NM. Benny came to California at age 19, and worked in construction at Stanford Hospital. Shortly after, he worked as a custodian for MVSD and retired after 33 years. Benny was loved by all who knew him because of his gentle demeanor, kind heart, and vibrant spirit. His unique style, humor, and view of life, brought smiles and laughter to those around him. He passionately loved his family, friends, and enjoyed yearly trips to Hawaii, hanging out with his friends at the Tied House in MV, colorful clothes, and cooking for his loved ones. Especially his salsa. Sadly, we have lost a loved one, but we know that we will see him again. To honor Benny's memory, we ask that you kindly donate to the Humane Society of Silicon Valley because he loved his pets, or to the El Camino Hospital Foundation because the care he received the past three years was of great comfort to Benny and his family.

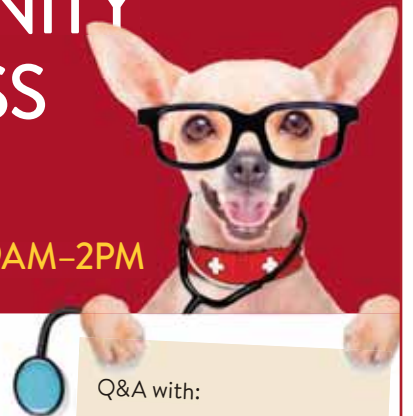


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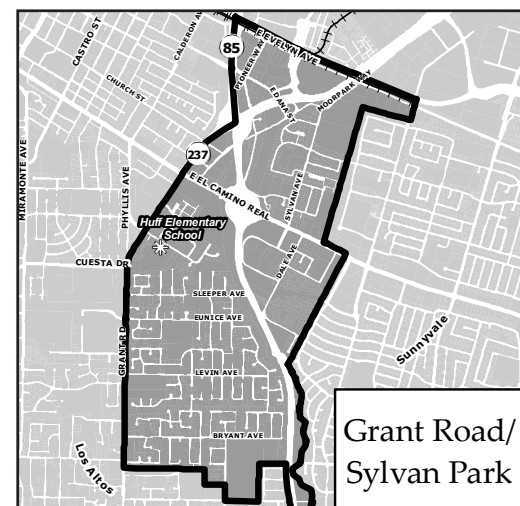
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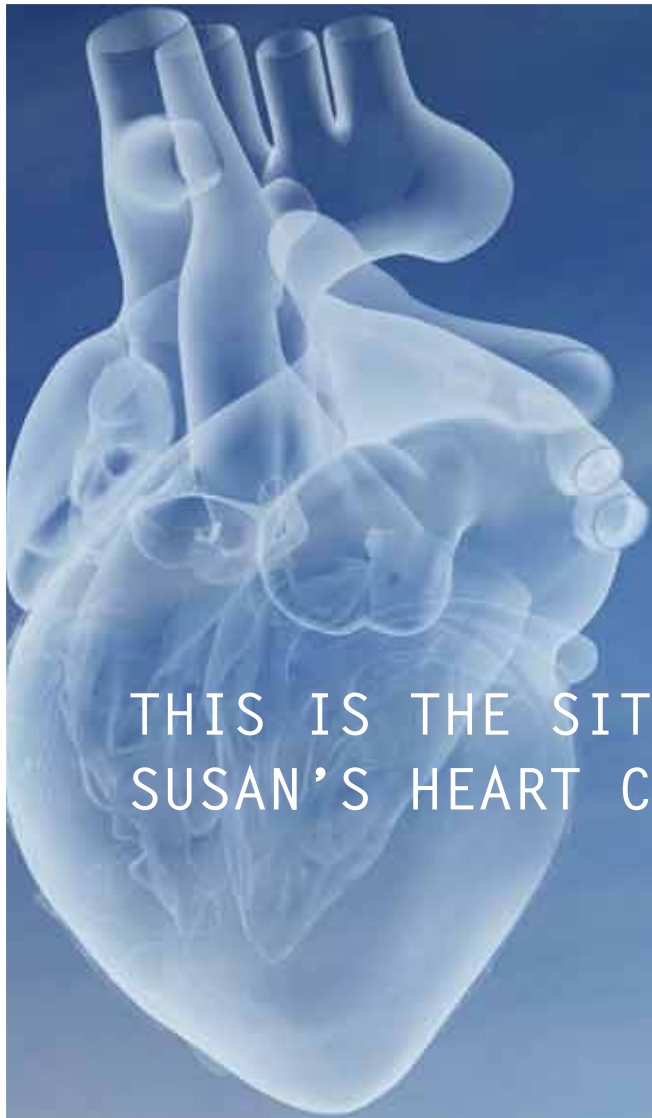
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■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

MEASURE V NOT TOO COSTLY

Measure V is bringing in “too much revenue.” That is the reality. Hard to believe, but reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn’t go away.

The budget for Measure V, for fiscal year July 2017 to June 2018, is \$2.59 million. However, revenue is coming in faster than predicted. Per Patty Kong, the director of finance and administrative services for the city of Mountain View, “the revenues received as of February 28, 2018 are \$2,112,927.” If \$2.1 million is the revenue for eight months, then projected annual revenue would be \$3.2 million, a revenue surplus of \$1.1 million by June 30, 2018.

Recently there are some who claim that “Measure V is too costly” but that is completely invalid by definition. Revenue is the opposite of costly. The opposite of costly is currently what is happening. The claim that Measure V is too costly is completely false and ridiculous, now that the revenue surplus is highly likely.

However, they could go with “Measure V bringing in too much revenue.” True statements are always a better choice.

Steve Chandler
Sierra Vista Avenue

SOLUTIONS FOR TEACHER HOUSING

Teachers report housing as their greatest compensation concern second to salary. MVWSD does not have the funds to pay more, but it does have underutilized land. Fixing housing may be an even more valuable tool in retention than salary.

No single solution will fix the housing issue, but a concert of solutions address teachers across the income range:

1) Upper Range: participation on the “Landed” program being supported by Zuckerberg’s foundation to help teachers with down payments.

2) Middle Range: Identify underutilized district parcels to build or swap with the city to build (budget neutral, but moderately affordable) teacher housing.

3) Lower Range: Where space exists, allow for tiny home communities on school property. These teacher-bought tiny homes allow for teachers to build equity to go up the housing ladder. All the while they don’t lock down district land, nor do they cost the

district anything, and can be set up as attractive and cute pocket communities on campuses.

MVWSD has land, unlike MVLA, LASD, or other city workers. Solving the teacher housing crisis for MVWSD will improve retention and teacher recruitment, thereby adding great value to both children and home prices.

Housing may seem out of place for a school district, but when land is its most significant underutilized resource, and housing your teachers’ greatest complaint, then it makes sense.

Christopher Chiang
Space Park Way

TRUMP TAX INCREASE

My CPA just gave me my 2017 tax return and did the math to show what impact the Donald J. Trump Tax Increase of 2018 would be if applied to my 2017 taxes. The lies and deception of this so-called tax cut are now in stark relief: an 8.3% tax increase. This large tax increase is second only to the enormous hit I took under President Reagan when his “tax reform” taxed graduate student stipends for the first time.

Incumbent politicians deserve to pay dearly for allowing the Trump Tax Increase of 2018 to double tax Californians and other hard-working Americans. These politicians deserve to pay double-dearly for letting this happen while increasing the budget deficit by over \$1 trillion. It is a priority now more than ever for responsible Americans to take back Congress and the White House to establish tax laws that are fair to us and to future generations, without double taxation.

Dave Fork
San Rafael Avenue

MEASURE V GOOD FOR COMMUNITY

Measure V was passed on November 8, 2016, to stabilize rents in Mountain View so that renters would be secure in the knowledge that their rents would not be continually raised to exorbitantly high rates. It has been successful. Working families, retired citizens and service workers have been able to continue to live here because they know their rents will only be raised at a reasonable rate.

The start-up and administrative expenses were paid by fees paid by the landlords at the rate of \$13 a month per unit. This cost should

be significantly lower from now on. The city loaned the money to the Rental Housing Committee until the fees were collected, which they have been. The city has been paid back at no cost to taxpayers. The city of Mountain View and its citizens are not financing Measure V, and it has not taken away from any present or future programs. Landlords may petition the Rental Housing Committee if they feel the rate of return is not fair to them.

Do not believe those who imply otherwise. The changes suggested by a petition now being circulated to update Measure V will undermine Measure V and cripple it.

Measure V is a positive step toward making affordable housing available in Mountain View. As citizens, council members and Rental Housing Committee members, let us embrace Measure V and make it work.

Dorothy Schafer
West Dana Street

PROPOSAL TO SCALE BACK RENT CONTROL

As the *Voice* reported (“Rent control foes launch initiative campaign,” April 6), landlord representatives on March 30 presented to the city of Mountain View a proposed set of changes to the rent control law just adopted by voters in November 2016 (Measure V). The proponents have asked the city (attorney) to provide a “title and summary” for their proposal to be included in their initiative petition. If the petition is signed by at least 15% of the city’s 35,000 registered voters, the proposed law (city charter amendment) would appear on November’s ballot.

Although billed as a proposed “reform” of rent control, it is more accurately described as a virtual repeal of the restrictions on rent increases. The proposal contains various tricks to ensure that residential rents would not be limited — including that every landlord may seek and obtain rent increases based on the opportunity “cost” of being subject to rent control.

In the 2016 election, I did not personally take a position on Measure V. But I did write the ballot arguments against the deceptive competing measure (W) placed on the same ballot by the landlord-screened and endorsed (as candidates) City Council majority. Even though two members of the council could not seek re-election in 2016 (under the city’s two successive term limit), the two candidates who replaced them also oppose any real rent control. Overall, six of seven council members remain beholden to the landlords.

Consequently, even if the landlords’ proposal does not gain the 5,500 signatures needed to qualify for the ballot, the City Council (majority) could and likely would nonetheless place their proposal (or some other repeal of Measure V) on November’s ballot. And this time around, landlords would spare no expense in campaigning to end rent control. Just in Mountain View, with 15,000 affected apartments, rent control is costing landlords the lost opportunity to make hundreds of millions of more dollars in much higher rents from new employees of Silicon Valley corporations.

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FOOD FEATURE

Spring has sprung

ASPARAGUS, BERRIES AND MORE SIGNAL SEASON'S ARRIVAL AT LOCAL MARKETS

Story by Christine Lee | Photos by Veronica Weber

Early spring was on full display at the Portola Valley Farmers' Market last week, with winter's bright orange and yellow citrus illuminating one corner of the market while bundles of bok choy, chard and cabbage filled another.

Springtime is settling in at all local farmers' markets, as winter citrus and root vegetables transition into berries, deep green vegetables, avocados and more.

For many farmers and consumers, there is one vegetable that officially marks the arrival of spring: asparagus.

"As soon as you see asparagus

in the market, you know spring is here," said Maria Abad, marketing manager at Sigona's Farmers Market in Palo Alto. "You might find asparagus all year long, but they're not as sweet and tender. Prices will also go down."

Asparagus will remain at its peak for another month, according to Eva Heninwolf, president of the downtown Palo Alto farmers market, which opens for the season on May 12. She said she likes to add them to a frittata with leeks.

Bianca Pardini of the Urban Village Farmers' Market Association, which runs the California Avenue farmers market in

Palo Alto, treats spring asparagus simply: shaved into long strips and topped with grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, lemon, olive oil, Maldon salt and freshly cracked pepper.

For Heninwolf, spring is a time for salads that mix both dark and light greens. Salad ingredients that are in season include kale, spinach and chard as well as other lettuces, broccoli and cauliflower due to the region's access to both inland and coastal farms.

Artichokes are also in season for a short period of time in the spring.

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Jose Gallardo sells fresh strawberries at the Portola Valley farmers market. Strawberries are usually the first spring berries to show up at local markets.



Penelope McLaughlin samples a slice of grapefruit at the Sunrise Farms stall on April 5.



Winter greens like Swiss chard are still plentiful in early spring.



Artichokes are in season at local markets, along with sturdy cold weather produce like cabbages and leeks.



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Asparagus is a favorite spring vegetable at local farmers markets.

SPRING PRODUCE

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Produce is often harvested immaturely in the spring, Heninwolf said, such as green garlic, new potatoes or baby carrots. Green garlic can be eaten raw or added to any dish with some olive oil. New potatoes are creamier, Heninwolf said, and pair well with a bit of butter and salt.

All sorts of legumes — English peas, snap peas, snow peas, fava beans — will make their debut in the springtime. Heninwolf loves to socialize around a bowl of boiled fava beans with some Parmesan cheese and beer.

“There’s this bright green popping out of the (beans’) dull coat and that’s basically what spring is like,” she said. “It’s really simple and really social.”

**THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW’S 2018-19 CDBG AND
HOME FUNDING CYCLE AND ACTION PLAN**

The following public hearing has been scheduled to review and consider:

- Funding applications received for the City of Mountain View’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program for Fiscal Year 2018-19
- The 2018-19 Action Plan (covers July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

City Council Hearing

- April 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. or thereafter

City Hall Council Chambers

500 Castro Street

Mountain View, CA 94041

The City Council will hold this public hearing to review Capital Project Funding Requests, review the Human Relations Committee funding recommendations, make final decisions on the funding requests from the agencies requesting CDBG and HOME funding; and adopt a 2018-19 Action Plan. The Action Plan is a one-year plan that describes the programs and projects that the City will implement toward meeting its 2015-20 Consolidated Plan goals for projects that serve low income areas or households. The CDBG and HOME capital project proposals selected for funding will be incorporated into the 2018-19 Action Plan.

The City Council invites and encourages public attendance at this hearing and/or written comments on the proposals and the Draft Action Plan. The Draft Action Plan and information regarding the Fiscal Year 2018-19 proposals and other eligible CDBG and HOME activities may be obtained from the City of Mountain View, Housing and Neighborhood Services Division office located at 500 Castro Street, Mountain view, CA 94041, by telephone at (650) 903-6004 or by visiting the City’s CDBG/HOME Web Page at www.mountainview.gov/cdbg. Members of the public can submit written comments on the Draft Action Plan by April 24, 2018, when the public review period ends, to: Housing and Neighborhood Services Division, City of Mountain View, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039, Attention: Yesenia Jimenez or submit via email to yesenia.jimenez@mountainview.gov or fax to (650) 903-6048. **AVISO: ESTO PUEDE SER IMPORTANTE PARA TI. PARA INFORMACION EN ESPANOL, CONTACTE A YESENIA AL (650) 903-6004.**

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Shoppers stroll through the Portola Valley farmers market, a year-round market held every Thursday.

Strawberries have been the first of the berries to make their appearance at local markets, to the excitement of many. They'll be sweetest and biggest come May, according to Abad. Stem berries, she said, are larger — and excellent for dipping into chocolate. Heninwolf likes to pair early-season strawberries with whipped cream. Look for rhubarb, also seasonal to the spring, to make strawberry-rhubarb pies.

A particularly anticipated variety are the Albion strawberries from Watsonville, which are "super sweet" due to the area's ideal soil and weather, Abad said. Moti Phillips, marketing director at the California Farmers' Market Association, calls Watsonville the "strawberry capital of the world."

Later in the spring, usually in mid-May, all kinds of berries will show up at local markets: raspberries, boysenberries, blueberries, blackberries. Mixed berries means dessert creations and baking opportunities. Maggie Foard, who runs the Portola Valley Farmers' Market, said she's looking forward to making berry preserves.

Spring also means cherry season, which is "special" and fleeting in nature, Phillips said. Cherries are usually in season for only about three to six weeks.

While the ubiquitous Bing cherry is widely sought after for its crispness and large size, other varieties are worth exploring: the Brooks cherry, a firm red,

or a Royal Anne cherry, a yellow cherry similar in appearance to the popular Rainier variety.

"Everyone should try all the different cherries. They all have their own special flavor," Heninwolf said.

Along with cherries, apricots will be one of the first stone fruits to "join the party," Phillips said, signaling that peaches, nectarines and summer are on the horizon. While apricots are great for preserving and drying, the Blenheim variety prove they are equally as good eaten fresh, she said.

Another exciting arrival to local markets are California-grown avocados.

"Avocados (in the spring) are a lot smoother and the oil content within them is a lot more prominent," Abad said. "You'll see it and you'll taste it."

She prefers the classic Hass avocado for its creamy richness.

While spring is a great time for vegetables and fruits, Heninwolf said she is also looking out for seasonal flowers.

"This year, because of the rain, they're going to be unbelievable," she said.

For those who love their winter citrus and root vegetables, worry not. The "late cooler weather" this year means it's still transition season, so there's plenty of winter produce such as navel oranges and carrots for the next few weeks, Heninwolf said. ▣

Email Christine Lee at clee@pawekly.com



Aleleh Zadmehr samples honey offered by beekeeper Suzanne Bailey of Skyline Honey on April 5.

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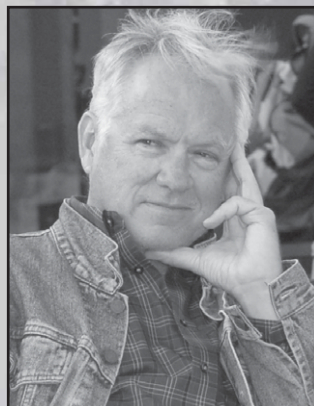


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Joaquin Phoenix plays a traumatized veteran who tracks down missing girls in "You Were Never Really Here."

You aren't 'Here'

JOAQUIN PHOENIX DELIVERS ANOTHER VIRTUOSO TURN IN THRILLER

★★★1/2 (Palo Alto Square)

In the often grisly "You Were Never Really Here," the protagonist's weapon of choice is a ball-peen hammer. In many ways, Lynne Ramsay's adaptation of Jonathan Ames' novel functions like that hammer, a blunt instrument used to

righteous ends. The film tends to the lurid and horrifying, the brutal and harrowing, and yet Ramsay's limber direction and another phenomenal leading performance by Joaquin Phoenix lend the material an aching sensitivity and an arrhythmic but persistent heartbeat.

Phoenix plays Joe, whose contract work for a private detective (John Doman) has a specialty: extracting children from sex slavery. Joe's life of trauma — from childhood abuse to a Marine stint in the Persian Gulf to FBI investigations of sex traffickers — uniquely motivate him, but the spiders in his mind and his emotional baggage also make him vulnerable. Joe suffers guilt that manifests as the ghosts of those he feels he has failed, including his childhood self. To stave off suicide, Joe does good works, caring for his elderly mother when not rescuing children.

On his latest mission to save the 13-year-old daughter of a state senator, Joe runs into escalating trouble that plays out in a series of plot twists. The collision of sex trafficking and politics spells do-or-die stakes for all involved, and Joe's maddening underworld descent into the very worst of human nature — where violence is the only language that matters — recalls Paul Schrader's scripts for "Taxi Driver" and "Hardcore." Ramsay respects the viewer's intelligence by refusing to spoon-feed or spell out; rather, she applies deliberately jagged editing and unsettlingly patchwork scoring to complicate the perspective on an otherwise straightforward plot.

For, on paper, "You Were Never Really Here" sounds

as if it could be a 1980s Charles Bronson movie: Violent male vigilante saves vulnerable females. But Ramsay, the celebrated Scottish filmmaker of "Ratcatcher" and "We Need to Talk About Kevin," isn't satisfied with sensation. Rather, she unfolds a spare but potent character study about grasping for grace and salvation amid horror. In Phoenix, she has a thoroughbred actor exceptionally well-qualified to convey trauma, grief, guilt, sadness and rage. It's not for nothing that he won Best Actor at the Cannes Film Festival for this performance: he's arguably the greatest American film actor at work today.

The novel's author, Jonathan Ames, may be better known as the creator of dry-witted cable-TV comedies "Bored to Death" and "Blunt Talk," and fans of those shows may be surprised by the sadism here. There's little that might be called comic relief, although Ramsay makes deliciously ironic use of vintage tunes ranging from "I've Never Been to Me" to "If I Knew You Were Comin' (I'd Have Baked a Cake)." The film is, as they say, not for the faint of heart, but cineastes will find its disturbing journey well worth taking in the good company of Ramsay and Phoenix.

Rated R for strong violence, disturbing and grisly images, language, and brief nudity. One hour, 30 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



MOVIE REVIEWS

A QUIET PLACE ★★★

There's plenty in the new science-fiction thriller "A Quiet Place" that doesn't hold up to scrutiny and even more that feels conspicuously derivative. But tell that to your pants as you pee them. Director John Krasinski takes a successful turn into horror territory with his third feature, thoughtfully crafted to work your last nerve.

Krasinski and his real-life wife, Emily Blunt, play Lee and Evelyn Abbott, parents to Regan (Millicent Simmonds of "Wonderstruck"), Marcus (Noah Jupe of "Wonder"), and Beau (Cade Woodward). Three months into what amounts to an alien invasion by giant, chattering, spindly blind beasts that hunt by sound, the Abbotts trudge barefoot through upstate New York. The family gathers supplies and inches hopefully away from danger, communicating only in American Sign Language and the lowest of whispers. But accidents will happen, and a year later, the Abbotts are doubly traumatized by what's happened to their world. The pin-drop tension of this much quiet and the mortal threat that comes with making a sound dramatize a life of repression and fear. Krasinski keeps the narrative tight and involving, played on the actors' enormously expressive faces. In getting the job done as a high-tension family fright film, "A Quiet Place" doesn't tiptoe.

Rated PG-13 for terror and some bloody images. One hour, 30 minutes. — P.C.

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'The Bridges of Madison County' TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents the Tony Award-winning musical "The Bridges of Madison County," based on the 1992 best-selling novel by Robert James Waller about love both lost and found. It will be directed by TheatreWorks artistic director and founder Robert Kelley. Ongoing until April 29, times vary. \$40-\$100. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

DANCE

Adult Ballet Classes Adult Ballet welcomes dancers mid-teens to 80s and up. Instructor, Leslie Friedman, has a distinguished international touring career and experience teaching national ballet companies around the world as well as adult beginners. April 17, 7-8 p.m. \$15. Mountain View Masonic Center, 890 Church St., Mountain View. livelyfoundation.org/wordpress

Bachata with Pantea Wednesday Hot Latin Nights with Pantea features bachata lessons for all skill levels. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; class starts 8 p.m.; social dancing at 9 p.m. No partner necessary. Bachata is a form of music and sensual dance that originated in the Dominican Republic. Ongoing, 7:30 p.m. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

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Fermentation 101 Workshop In this introductory fermentation class, taught by food blogger and teacher Anne-Marie Bonneau, participants will learn to make kimchi and kombucha, and sample various fermented foods. April 14, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A private home., Address emailed upon registration, Mountain View. zerowastechef.com/register

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Eating Disorders and Body Image Support Group This support group is designed for those struggling with eating disorders and body image dissatisfaction. The group is open to all ages, genders and types of eating issues. It is not a structured group; rather it is open for sharing, asking questions, offering and receiving support or just listening. April 17, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Conference Room C, Mountain View. edrcsv.org

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Empty Bowls Soup Supper XXVII Join the Central Seventh Day Adventist Church for soup, salad, cake and beverage and take home an original hand-crafted ceramic bowl. All proceeds benefit CSA's Homeless Prevention Services Program. The event will feature a pottery boutique and activities for children. April 15, 4-6 p.m. \$10-\$25. Central Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1425 Springer Road, Mountain View. forms.diamondmindinc.com

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Art Exhibit: 'In Dialogue: African Arts' "In Dialogue" represents the vibrant and dynamic arts of the continent and its diasporas. Drawing primarily from the Cantor's own collection, it considers the arts of Africa to be rooted in a deep and rich history that is locally, as much as globally, connected. Ongoing until May 5, 2018, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays; open till 8 p.m. Thursdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

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Open Mic Open Mic takes place every Monday on the second floor of Red Rock Coffee in downtown Mountain View. It features free live music, comedy, poetry and a supportive atmosphere for experienced and new performers. April 16, 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/calendar

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How to Live Before You Die: Embracing Life to the Fullest (Lifetree Café Menlo Park) The program, titled "How to Live Before You Die: Embracing Life to the Fullest," features a filmed interview with Sasha Vukelja, who as a young girl escaped from Communism. Yugoslavia and emigrated to the United States. Vukelja, now an oncologist, tells how she works with patients facing an uncertain future to find hope and a positive attitude. April 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. vimeo.com/257911682

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File No.: FBN640358
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Admissions and The Mind, located at 1992 Silverwood Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
GRETCHEN H. WILLIAMS
1992 Silverwood Ave.
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/23/2018.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 23, 2018.
(MVV Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018)

SLIME OF THE DAY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN640595
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Slime Of The Day, located at 1647 Morgan Street, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
HANDS ON PARENTING LLC
1647 Morgan Street
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 2, 2018.
(MVV Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
ALEXIS BRYCE MCADAMS aka EVERETT BRYCE MCADAMS, JR.
Case No.: 18PR182759
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ALEXIS BRYCE MCADAMS.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: CRYSTAL GOCKA in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that: CRYSTAL GOCKA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the

hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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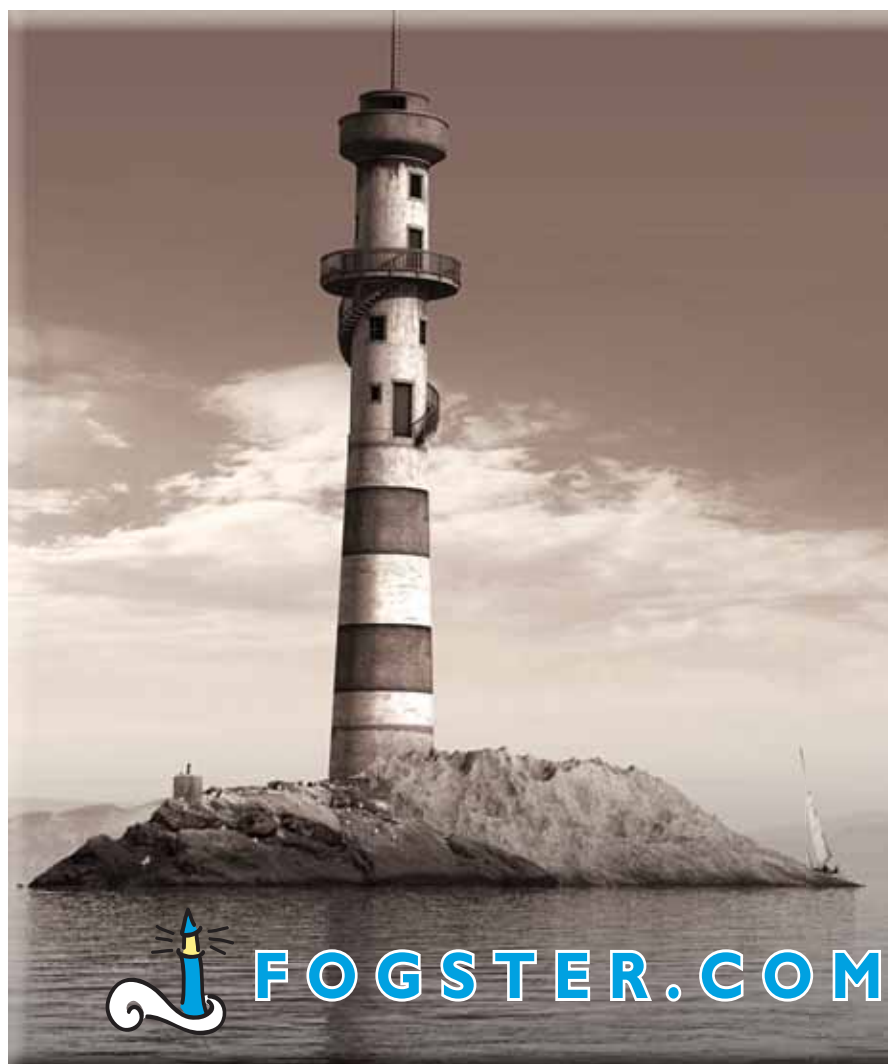
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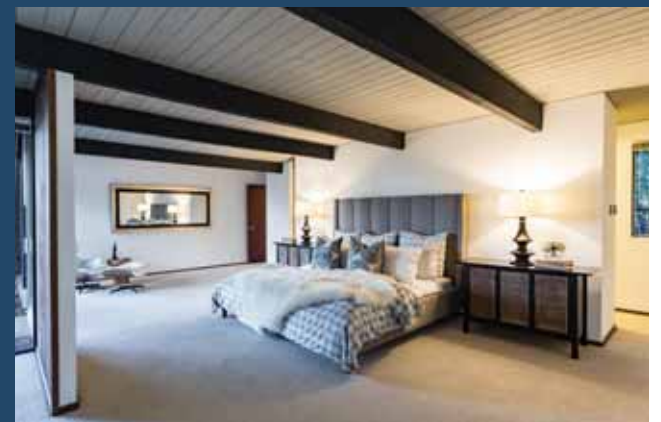
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