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## April showers bring May flowers

By Toris Jaeger, Naturalist

In most years in California, our rains begin at the end of October and end usually at the end of March.

Flowers are one of Mother Nature's precious gifts for the pollinators which in turn propagate our food plants and shrubs and trees.

Nature comes alive with much beauty in the Spring and Summer months.

I always think of the flowers as "eye candy". Since Mother Na-

ture is so generous with her gifts to us, we can help her by removing many of the non-native plants that have found their way into our landscapes.

Some were brought here accidentally, the non-native grass, while some were brought here as food like some of the fruit trees.

At the top of the list of unwanted plants are: French Broom, Vinca, Ivy, Hemlock Chinese Parsley and Oxalis.

They are in bloom

now and should be pulled up by the roots before they go to seed.

You can also help Mother Nature by planting California Native once the weeds have been removed.

This time of the year growing along side the invasive plants is our Native Indian Lettuce.

The OHLONE word for the lettuce is ROO' REH.

It is very high in vitamin c and is very tasty.

Enjoy your pursuit

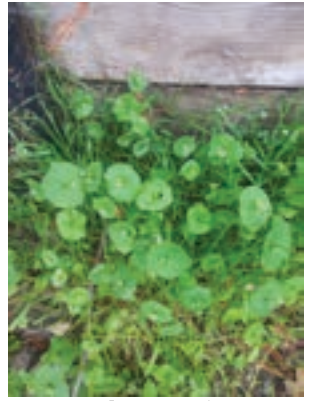


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**Indian Lettuce/ Roo' reh**

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## Nine East Bay photographers, including two de Young Museum Alumni, featured in Walnut Creek advanced photography exhibit



Photo Bill Helsel

From left: Jeff Heyman, Sunyo Suhaimi, Westeigh, Rosemary Wheeler (front), Jonathan Bitz (rear), Robin Sullivan, and Kimberley Enright.

Nine East Bay photographers are featured in a photography and art exhibit, including two who have previously shown at San Francisco's de Young Museum. The show, at the De Valle Educational Center in Walnut Creek, runs now through May 23, 2024.

The exhibit is the culmination of an Ad-

vanced Photography Workshop led by long-time Acalanes Adult Education photography instructor Bill Helsel. The nine photographers are Jonathan Bitz, Kimberley Enright, Rob Hamner, Jeff Heyman, Rich London, Sunyo Suhaimi, Robin Sullivan,

Westeigh, and Rosemary Wheeler. Also on display are paintings and drawings by students in several Acalanes Adult Education art classes.

The Advanced Photography exhibit is a wide-ranging collection of photographic genres and styles: Bitz displays a unique array of black and white and color photos, while Enright presents a series of "rustic" photographs. Hamner explores camera movement in beautifully rendered color images, and London uses a lightbox to create a unique view of everyday objects.

Suhaimi explores Niles in vivid, nostalgic color photos. Sullivan tells a uniquely "noir" story in black and white, and

Wheeler features photographs of outdoor scenes from a different perspective.

Heyman and Westeigh both had landscapes exhibited as part of The de Young Open, held at the de Young Museum in San Francisco last year. In the Advanced Photography exhibit, Heyman juxtaposes clouds, land, and water, while Grant explores "Echoes of Absence." Both are a series of black and white photographs.

Running now through Thursday, May 23, the exhibit can be seen at the Del Valle Education Center, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek, Calif., Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

See the photographers and their work here:

<https://heymanfoto.smugmug.com/Exhibits/Advanced-Photography-Exhibit>

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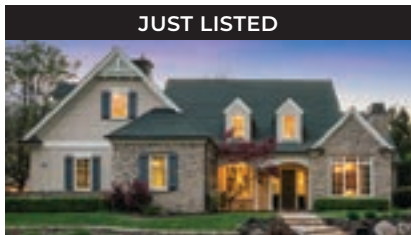
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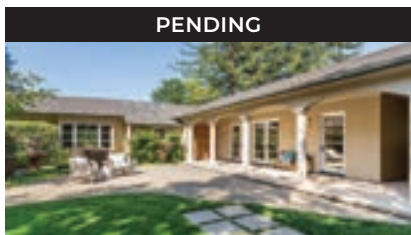
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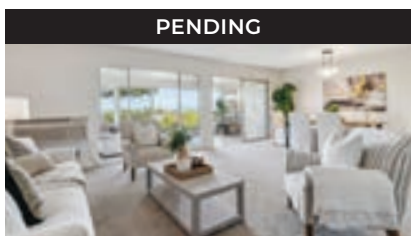
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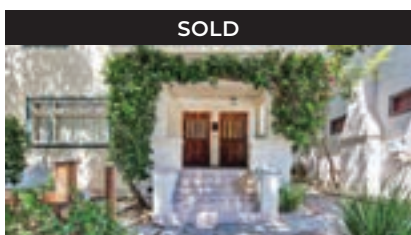
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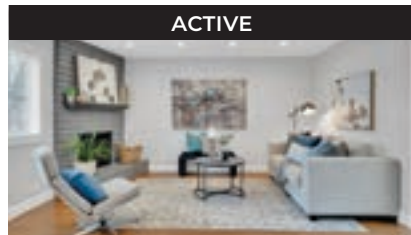
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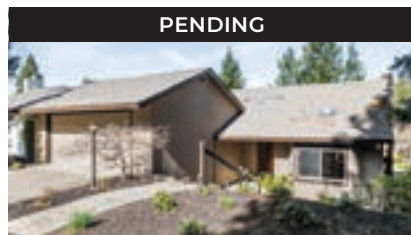
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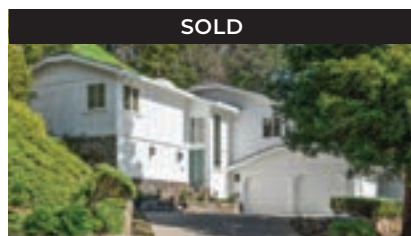
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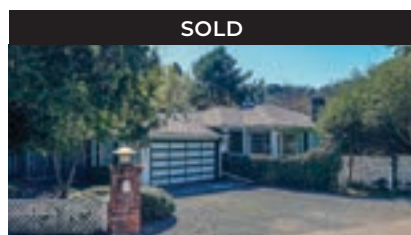
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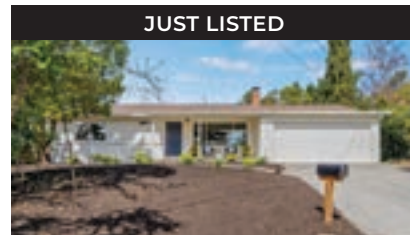
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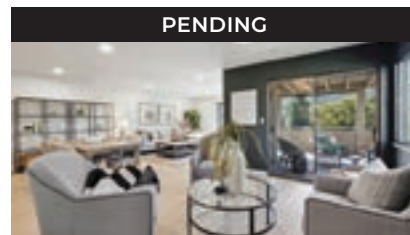
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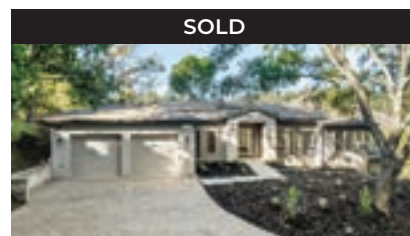
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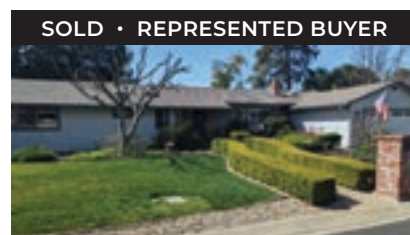
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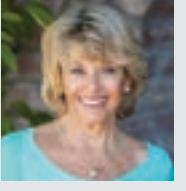
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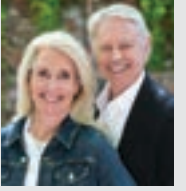
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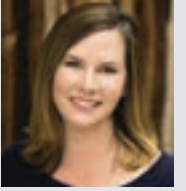
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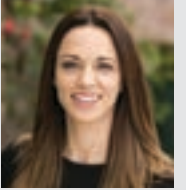
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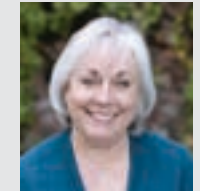
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