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Leslie Robertson hosted a National Night Out party for all her neighbors on Cambridge Avenue last Tuesday, Aug 5.

San Leandro Turns Out for Annual National Night Out Parties

By Ruben Banuelos
San Leandro Times

National Night Out in San Leandro is an annual event that brings together neighbors to build stronger relationships and enhance community safety.

The evening is a chance for residents and local law enforcement to connect, fostering a sense of unity and partnership.

This year, San Leandro neighborhoods hosted a wide variety of events, including barbecues, block parties, ice cream socials, and games. Some groups organized discussions on local issues, while others focus on community efforts like food and clothing donations, neighborhood clean-ups, and beautification projects.

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Neighbors chat at the National Night Out party at the First Presbyterian Church on Estudillo Avenue.

Empty Rite Aid And Walgreens Future Uncertain

Two big drug stores close in San Leandro this year; future of properties yet to be decided

By Bernard Duer
San Leandro Times

The future of the recently closed Rite Aid and Walgreens stores remains unclear.

Both the Rite Aid in Estudillo Center on MacArthur Boulevard and the Walgreens in Palma Plaza on 136th Avenue closed this year.

Both are leased facilities with Rite Aid's lease ending on August 31, 2031, while Walgreens lease expires in 2030. The zoning for both facilities allow for retail and office use.

Rite Aid has filed for bankruptcy and is going out of business. It is selling all its 1,182 leased and owned stores.

The leases for 831 Rite Aid locations in 15 states were sold to 88 buyers in July, with Walgreens and CVS Pharmacy among the largest purchasers.

On August 4, another 26 company-owned properties were sold.

The remaining 325 leased stores, including the San Leandro office use.
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CalTrans and CleanCal Tips to Prevent Litter

Caltrans and Clean California recommend a few simple tips to help keep public spaces and communities safe and litter-free:

Pack It In, Pack It Out

Leave no trace by bringing a trash bag and carrying out everything you bring in, especially in remote areas. Keeping outdoor spaces clean and beautiful allows you and

others to fully enjoy nature.

And if you pick up some random trash from others along the way, then you are blazing a trail others are sure to follow.

Go Reusable, Reduce Waste

It's important to stay hydrated while participating in outdoor activities but re-
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MEETING SCHEDULES

CITY COUNCIL
Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD
Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call Zaira Duncan at 667-3522.



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Summer Interns Complete Hands-On Work Experience

Summer internships help students build skills and confidence that will last

Students, staff, and community partners came together on July 23 at Lincoln High School to celebrate the achievements of San Leandro Unified's summer interns.

The Internship Expo recognized students who completed hands-on, real-world work experiences in industries ranging from healthcare to construction to the arts.

At the event, students were honored with certificates of achievement, received their earned stipends, and shared reflections about their summer journeys. The experience offered students far more



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Students in the summer internship program received their certificates and earned stipends.

than just a summer job, from exploring future careers to building confidence in professional settings.

"This program gives students the chance to step into professional environments, develop career skills, and begin to imagine what's possible for their future," said Joanne Clark, Senior Director

of Educational Services for San Leandro Unified. "We're proud of their hard work and deeply thankful to our staff and community partners for making this program a reality."

The success of the program was made possible through partnerships with several local organizations and businesses,



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including:

- Cypress Mandela – Emiliano Sanchez
- Alameda Health System (HEAL) – Joilah James
- Doral's Auto Repair – John Bridgewater
- Rob Skate Academy – Lili Peet and Rob Ferguson
- Kaiser Permanente – Leticia Williams
- SLED (San Leandro Education Foundation) – Kate Miller

• Tiny House – Mike Ray-tis

• Sprouts – Hannah Rubino

The school district said that its Internship Program continues to grow each year, providing students with opportunities that align with their interests and aspirations. The district said it remains committed to expanding these experiences, ensuring that every student is prepared to thrive in life after high school.

Discover Your Future at the CTE Open House

San Leandro Adult & Career Education 1448 Williams St. in San Leandro, invites you to explore exciting Career & Technical Education programs on Thursday, Aug. 28, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Gain in-demand skills, earn industry certifications, and start a new career. Meet instructors and learn about free and low-cost training options. Whether you're looking to develop skills, change careers, or start fresh, the CTE programs can help you reach your goals.

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Community Calendar

Alta Mira Club Hawaiian-Themed Salad Bar Lunch and Entertainment

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, invites you to a Hawaiian Themed Salad Bar Lunch and Entertainment on Saturday, Aug. 16, at noon. Tickets are \$25. For tickets, call Isabel Polvorosa at 510-955-7155.

Resilience Hub Workshop and Community Mural Launch

San Leandro 2050 and Bethel Community Presbyterian Church, 14235 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, invite you to a resilience hub open house this Saturday, Aug. 16, starting at 10 a.m. Join a conversation on what resilience means, how you might collaborate in developing a resilience hub, and launch a community mural on site. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided and child care is available. For more info and registration, visit: <https://bit.ly/resilienceopenhouse>

SLHS Freshman Football

Incoming freshmen at San Leandro High are invited to join the Pirates Freshman football team. Practices are Monday through Thursday (except for July 3) from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information or to sign up, call coach Pete Ballew at 510-846-6058. Or just show up at the field at San Leandro High at practice time.

Friends of Library DVD Sale

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host a DVD sale on Saturday, August 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Check out the large selection of DVDs at low prices. All DVDs are \$1 per disc or buy 3 discs get 1 disc free. All proceeds benefit the San Leandro Library's programs and services. Credit cards accepted.

Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group is open whether you have been recently diagnosed or living with diabetes for many years. This support group can help you manage your condition. Share your experience or learn from others in a supportive setting. Everyone aged 50+ is welcome. The support group meets the third Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Senior Clipper Cards & Wheelchair Marking and Tether Strap Program

The AC Transit's Accessible Services Department will be issuing Clipper Cards for adults ages 65+ (cards issued with no cash value) on Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. AC Transit will also provide a free service for marking & installing tether straps on mobility devices. For more information, call 510-891-7113.

Home Match Information Session

Find out about the Home Match program at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St., on Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn about how Home Match is supporting housing needs by matching people with a spare room or ADU with a person looking for an affordable space to live.

Tobacco Recovery Support Group

The Support Group for Tobacco Recovery meets on Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in the Sequoia Conference Room, 1100 San Leandro Blvd., one block from the San Leandro BART Station. No prerequisites, no prior experience, no requirements. Discussion topics include your relationship with tobacco, self-care and stress relief, medicines that can help, wellness and recovery, and the new you. Sponsored by Lifelong's East Bay Community Recovery Project and the Alameda County Tobacco Control Program. For more information, visit ACTobaccofree@gmail.com or call 510-268-2030.

San Leandro Art Association to Present A Free Screening Of *Porcelain War*

The San Leandro Art Association will present a free screening of the award-winning documentary, *Porcelain War*, on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 1 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

The documentary follows the lives of three Ukrainian artists who chose to stay behind and create art despite the war going on around them, defiantly finding beauty amid destruction. The documentary is rated "R" for language.

This viewing is open to all and is first come, first seated. Sponsored by the Optimist Club of San Leandro.

Gravity 4 to Play Grateful Dead Songs On Sunday at Memorial Park in Hayward

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District will present a series of free Concerts in the Park on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. in August and September at Memorial Park next to the Hayward Plunge, 24176 Mission Blvd. in Hayward.

The next concert in the series on Aug. 17 will feature

Scarlet Frye, Michael McNevin, and Gravity 4 – Grateful Dead music to benefit the Sun Gallery.

The concerts run every Sunday though Sept. 28, presented by the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District and the Hayward Odd Fellows. Feel free to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Enter Your Car in the Library's Rides & Readers Car Show

Join the library's 4th annual Rides and Readers Car Show at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you have a vehicle that is from 1975 or older (preferred, not limited to), and would like to participate in this event, visit tinyurl.com/RidesandReaders2025 to register your vehicle online. Or pick up a paper registration form from the Main or Manor Branch Library by August 30.

Car registration is free. Spectators do not need to complete registration, admission is free to the public. Participant space is limited. For more information, call 510-577-3971.

San Leandro Student Graduates from U. of Wisconsin

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire congratulates its 1,230 May 2025 graduates, including **Tia Ravara** of San Leandro, Calif., majoring in Arts and Sciences with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.



Hundreds of different dahlias will be on display at the annual show.

San Leandro Dahlia Society to Host Annual Show on August 30

The San Leandro Dahlia Society will present its annual dahlia show on Saturday, Aug. 30, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 31, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland, across from Fairyland. The dahlia show is free, but parking may be \$5. Dahlias come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors, and will amaze everyone. Hundreds of blooms. More information can be found on the Dahlia Society's website, slds.club.

City Councilman Aguilar to Speak to Washington Home Owners

The Washington Home Owners Association will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. City Councilman Victor Aguilar from District 3 that includes the Washington Manor and Bonaire areas will be the speaker. Hear about city plans and those of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District of which Aguilar is a member. Ask questions and hear information about the services you receive and additional ones available to you. Washington Manor Bonaire residents and the general public are invited. For more information, visit the Website at : www.whoasl.com or call Bob Glaze at 510-352-2058.

Senior Book Club

Join a book club that offers adults 50+ a welcoming space to explore the joys, challenges, and wisdom that come with growing older through insightful literature and meaningful conversation. The club meets on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Each gathering invites reflection, connection, and celebration of the aging journey in all its complexity.

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Make the Most of the Annual Zucchini Harvest

In case you hadn't noticed, there's been a population explosion in your zucchini patch. But not to worry. Whether for breakfast, salads, soups, main courses, desserts or snacks, there are thousands of ways to serve zucchini.

BEST ZUCCHINI BREAD

- 3 cups flour, plus extra for preparing pans
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup vegetable shortening, melted
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups shredded raw zucchini (about 3 zucchini)
- 2 cups chopped walnuts
- Butter for greasing pan



Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves and set aside.

Place milk, eggs, shortening, sugar and zucchini in large mixing bowl. Add combined dry ingredients and beat until batter is just blended. Stir in walnuts.

Grease and flour two 8x4-inch loaf pans. Divide evenly between pans and bake at 350°F until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 50 to 60 minutes.

Remove from oven and let cool in pans about 5 minutes. Turn onto rack and cool completely. Makes 2 loaves, about 32 servings.

CRISP ZUCCHINI SALAD

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons white-wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar

- 1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 medium unpeeled apples, cored and diced
- 1/2 medium red onion, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 3 small zucchini, diced
- 2 stalks celery, trimmed and diced
- 6 radishes, sliced

Combine olive oil, lemon juice, vinegar and sugar in small

bowl. Stir in parsley, season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside. Combine remaining ingredients in large bowl. Toss with dressing. Serves 8.

ZUCCHINI CREOLE

- 1-1/2 to 2 pounds sliced zucchini
- 8 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 1 large green bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons dried leaf basil, crumbled
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 medium tomatoes, peeled and chopped

Combine zucchini, mushrooms, green pepper, garlic, basil, butter, salt, pepper, sugar, and Worcestershire sauce in a large skillet over medium heat; cook for 5 minutes. Add tomatoes and cook for 5 minutes longer, or until tender. Yields 8 servings.

SCALLOPED ZUCCHINI

- 4 medium zucchini
- 4 slices of bacon
- 1/3 cup of onions, sliced thin
- 1 pint canned tomatoes
- 1/3 cup celery
- 1/3 cup chopped green pepper
- Salt and pepper to taste

Wash zucchini, cut off ends, and cut in 1-inch slices. Cook until tender, drain. Fry bacon until crisp, remove from pan. Add onions, and cook until tender. Add tomatoes, celery, peppers, salt and pepper and mix in the vegetable. Add crumbled bacon and place in greased casserole. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake at 350°F for 35-45 minutes. Serves 2.

CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI CUPCAKES

- 1-1/4 cups butter, softened
 - 1-1/2 cups sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 3/4 cup baking cocoa
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup plain yogurt
 - 1 cup grated zucchini
 - 1 cup grated carrots
 - 2 cups chocolate frosting
- In large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in vanilla.

Combine the flour, baking cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to the creamed mixture alternately with yogurt, beating well after each addition. Fold in zucchini and carrots.

Fill paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full. Bake at 350°F for 18-22 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely. Frost cupcakes. Yield: 21 cupcakes.

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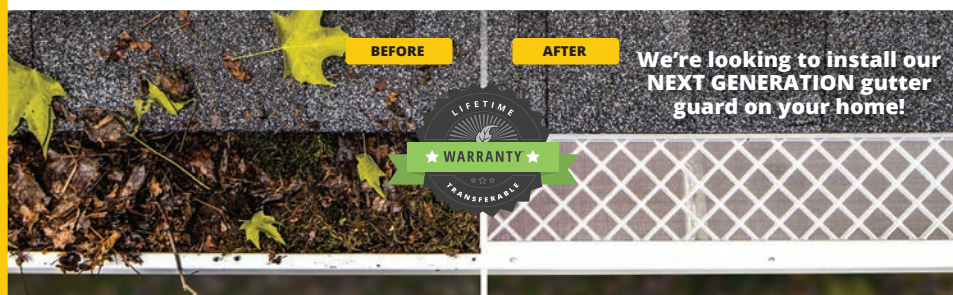
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Your honesty might upset some people. But you inevitably win more admirers for having the courage to tell the truth when others are more likely to scramble for cover.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Your efforts to defend your project begin to show favorable results. You should soon be able to win over even the most determined detractors who had lined up against it.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): You win praise for your selfless efforts in a very difficult situation. But be careful not to allow your generous nature to be exploited by those who have their own agenda.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A trusted colleague sheds light on a recent spate of puzzling workplace situations. This should give you the information you need to bring the matter to your superior's attention.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): A shift in workplace management could be helpful for talented LEOs and LEONas who have been waiting to have their accomplishments rewarded by receptive leadership.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A misunderstanding between you and someone you care for should be corrected immediately. This relationship is too important to lose over a bruised ego.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): A welcome piece of good news helps clear the air in a family situation. A job-related incident also eases as more information provides a clearer focus on the problem.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Quick action to heal bruised feelings pays off in a big way. Now you'll be able to move forward with your plans without a problem holding you back.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your creativity combined with a positive attitude should give you a considerable edge in finding a way to get around the negativity you've run into.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A sudden streak of stubbornness could cause some problems. Try to be more open to helpful suggestions and more flexible in making needed changes.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Now that a special relationship appears to be well and truly restored, you can spend more time dealing with some long-needed workplace changes.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A new opportunity sounds promising, but watch out for any conditions that might be attached. Before making a decision, ask that each opportunity be explained in detail.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Back to School for Kids and Back to Fitness for Parents

For many parents, the sound of the school bus pulling away signals not just the start of another academic year for their children, but also the welcome return of something precious and often elusive: personal time.

When children are immersed in classrooms and extracurriculars it opens up an opportunity for parents to rededicate themselves to neglected aspects of their lives, particularly their physical well-being and personal passions.

The return of predictable daily schedules transforms the daunting prospect of “finding time” for exercise into a tangible reality.

With children occupied in school for several hours, parents gain uninterrupted blocks of time. This could mean an unhurried morning workout at a gym, a brisk walk or run through a local park, or even a focused session of bodyweight exercises in the comfort of their living room.

Establishing a fixed time for exercise, much like scheduling an important meeting, builds consistency.

Just as children are encouraged to embrace new challenges and routines, parents too can harness this collective mindset of “new beginnings” and “getting back on track.”

The end of summer often brings a desire for a fresh start, a shedding of the more relaxed habits of the holiday season, and a renewed focus on personal growth.

It's an ideal time to reset dietary habits often relaxed during summer barbecues and vacations, paving the way for more mindful eating that complements increased physical activity.

For early risers, the period before children wake or immediately after they leave for school can be prime time.

A quiet home provides the perfect environment for a home workout, a meditative yoga session, or a quick run around the block before the day's obligations fully kick in.

This front-loading of exercise ensures it happens before other tasks or unexpected events derail intentions.

For those with more flexible work schedules or who work from home, the mid-day hours offer another excellent opportunity. A lunch break

can be transformed into a productive gym session, a walk around the neighbourhood, or a quick online fitness class.

Even the late afternoon, just before children return, can be utilized for a shorter, higher-intensity workout.

Beyond structured exercise, the back-to-school period also opens doors for more incidental physical activity. Walking children to school, if feasible, can add valuable steps to one's day.

Participating in school-related activities, such as volunteering for playground duty or walking around school grounds during events, can introduce more movement.

Packing nutritious lunches for children can inspire parents to do the same for themselves, reducing the reliance on convenient, often less healthy, processed foods and encouraging a more disciplined approach to personal nutrition.

Becoming a more active and healthy parent sets an invaluable example for children. When children witness their parents making time for exercise and healthy eating, it normalises these behaviours, teaching them the importance of self-care and resilience from a young age.

It transforms fitness from a distant concept into a practical and integrated part of daily life, fostering a family culture

that values well-being.

Naturally, challenges will arise. The initial weeks of school can be exhausting as everyone adjusts to new schedules, and motivation may wane.

It is crucial to start small and build momentum gradually. Instead of aiming for an hour at the gym every day, begin with 15-20 minute walks or short home workouts.

Focus on consistency over intensity, making movement a non-negotiable part of the day, even if it's just for a short period. Find activities that genuinely bring enjoyment, whether it's dancing, cycling, hiking, or team sports, as pleasure significantly boosts adherence.

The re-establishment of routines, the liberation of previously consumed time, and the collective psychological impetus for a fresh start create an ideal environment for building sustainable habits.

Seizing this opportunity not only enhances individual health but also sets a profound and positive example for children, fostering a legacy of health and vitality for the entire family.

It is a moment to invest in oneself, not selfishly, but with a deep understanding that a healthier, more energetic parent is better equipped to navigate the joys and challenges of family life.

Tips: Clean Cal to create 10,000 jobs

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member to choose reusable containers over single-use plastics.

That small step can help keep harmful toxins out of our water, and those plastic water bottle caps from littering our trails and forests. If you do use cans or plastic bottles, be sure to properly recycle every part of them.

Responsibly Dispose of Items, Big and Small

Cigarette butts remain the most common piece of litter, and food wrappers and cups are high on the list as well.

So be sure to properly dispose of them. Also, don't leave behind bulky broken items like canopies, chairs, or coolers. Remember, trash left behind becomes a magnet for more trash and is very harmful to our environment.

Secure Your Load

Whether you're driving a short distance or traveling across the state, make sure

to properly tarp and tie down items on your car or in your truck bed, trailer, or boat.

You don't want your items flying out and becoming roadside litter, endangering other drivers and polluting our environment.

Prevent Wildfires and Toxic Pollution

In California's dry climate, even a small cigarette butt can spark a devastating wildfire. Human-caused wildfires account for 95 percent of all wildfires in California. Properly dispose of all waste to prevent fires.

Do an Area Cleanup

Before leaving your recreation spot, take a few minutes to make a last sweep of the area. Pick up any litter you find, even if it's not yours.

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Contract Cancellations On The Rise

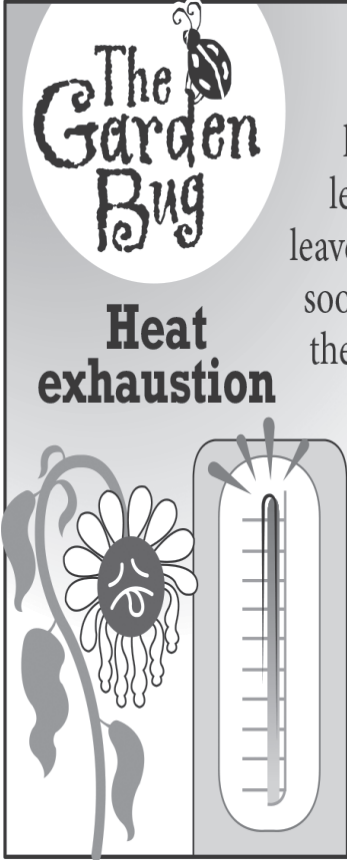
As the housing market continues to slow, Realtors across the region are seeing lower prices, fewer multiple offers and a significant increase in cancelled transactions. It is not just a local issue: Redfin's June Market report revealed that 14.9%

of transactions across the country collapsed in June for a total of over 57,000 cancelled escrows. Up a whole percentage point from last year, this is one out of every seven. There are many reasons cancellations have been increasing. To begin, as inventory has been rising, buyers have become choosier. They may get a home under con-

tract, only to discover it needs more repairs than imagined or another home just came on the market that they like better. In the past, when a large percentage of offers were written with all contingencies removed, this simply was not an issue. Now, however, offers are being submitted with contingencies still in place, giving buyers room to ask for repairs, renegotiate terms or simply use the Inspection Contingency cancel should they discover something they did not like during the investigation process.

Secondly, some buyers, once a contract has been signed, are discovering that the cost of ownership is higher than they imagined. By the time they factor in mortgage payment, taxes, rising insurance costs, escalating HOA fees and repairs or upgrades, the estimated monthly tab may push them out of the deal. Ideally, you would hope they would run the numbers before a contract is inked, but sometimes the thrill of the purchase wins out over caution.

Others get a case of 'the morning after' - otherwise known as 'buyer's remorse': often a result of unmet expectations, insufficient preparation, and making emotionally-based decisions in the face of significant financial implications. Some bail for fear they might have paid too much, concern that the market might crash, apprehension that they might not like the home as much as they thought and more.



Plants have different ways to deal with high temperatures. Some plants reduce the leaf area exposed to the sun by curling their leaves. Other plants let their leaves wilt, but as soon as the sun goes behind a cloud or sets in the evening, the leaves quickly recover. Many plants, especially trees, cannot do this, so they move water to as much of the leaf as possible, and let the outer edge fend for itself. These edges dry into brown sections known as "summer scorch." Flowering annuals may react to the heat by producing fewer flowers. - Brenda Weaver

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Rooting Roses Can Be Challenging

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q I need some help with rooting cuttings from a special rose. In the past, I have waited as long as six weeks without success, which has been quite frustrating. I usually have good luck propagating plants, but roses are especially challenging for me. How can I tell when the cuttings have rooted?

A can be quite challenging for gardeners. Among the various types, miniature roses are the quickest and easiest to root. In contrast, Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, and other varieties require significantly more patience.

While six weeks might seem enough, eight weeks is generally more realistic for these cuttings. Many cuttings have been lost because eager gardeners check for roots too soon.

It's important to remember that new growth does not necessarily mean the cutting has developed roots. This new growth can eventually collapse if the cutting hasn't formed roots, leading to dehydration and causing it to shrivel and turn black.

When rooting rose cuttings, I suggest using a four-inch or six-inch pot filled with pre-moistened potting soil. Although there are alternative rooting media like



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perlite, sand, or vermiculite, I prefer commercial potting soil for this task.

First, select several cuttings from new growth—more than you think you'll need—so you can pick the most vigorous ones later for transplanting.

Next, make a mini greenhouse by covering the pot of cuttings with a plastic bag supported by a few short bamboo stakes. Secure the bag with a rubber band or string; this will trap moisture and eliminate the need for extra watering.

Place the cuttings outdoors in a warm spot with minimal direct sunlight. This setup will keep heat and moisture in, both of which are key for rooting rose cuttings.

To determine when the cuttings have rooted, I use

the resistance test. Initially, the cuttings slide easily in and out of the potting soil. Once they have developed roots, you will feel resistance when gently pulling on them.

Alternatively, you can root the cuttings in a clear container, such as a plastic cup. If you're rooting rose cuttings indoors, I recommend placing the containers on a heating mat. These mats are affordable and available at many independent garden centers or online from Hydro Farms.

For more information, you can search for Hydro Farms on Google.

Q My twenty-year-old apricot tree has stopped bearing fruit. In spring, the tree is full of flowers, but they fall

off within a few days. The tree looks very healthy. Should I use a specific type of fertilizer to help it produce flowers that can be pollinated?

A Fertilizing does not influence pollination. Honeybees are the main pollinators of apricots and many other fruit trees. However, honeybees become inactive during cold, wet weather, which can result in poor fruit set. This is not the only cause of a lack of fruit, though.

Blossom Blight, commonly called Brown Rot, presents another challenge in damp conditions. This fungal disease causes flowers to decay before they can be pollinated.

Apricots bloom early in spring, making their blossoms especially vulnerable to late frosts. Even a brief cold spell can kill the flowers or young fruit, preventing fruit set. You may have experienced this problem in previous years when the yield was low. However, this is not the issue with

your tree at present.

There is another pollination problem to consider. While most apricot varieties are self-pollinating, some need a compatible variety nearby to ensure successful pollination and fruit production. However, with your tree, the necessary pollinating variety has either died or been removed; thus, the sudden lack of fruit.

Buzz Bertolero is a California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website can be found at www.dirtgardener.com

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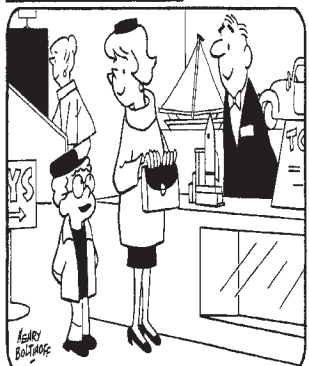
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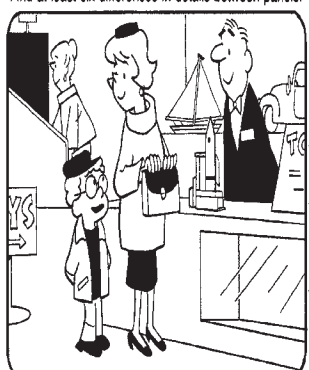
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/s/Thomas C. Welte
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Full name of registrant is:
John N. Olimpiada DDS Inc.,
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Pacific Bus Museum to Hold Open House on Sunday

If you're looking for something to do this summer, consider visiting the Pacific Bus Museum in Fremont.

The museum, at 37974 Shinn St. in Fremont, is having an Open House on Sunday, Aug. 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The rolling museum has a collection of restored buses representing over 100 years of motor coach transportation. This includes many examples from Bay Area transportation pioneers such as the Key System, Pacific Greyhound, Peerless Stages as well as historic buses from San Francisco MUNI and AC Transit.

Children really love the classic California-built Crown "twinkie" school buses that are etched into so many mem-

ories.

You can visit the Pacific Bus Museum year round on the first and third Saturdays of every month. But they pull out all the stops for the annual August Open House where numerous buses are on display along with a barbecue and flea market.

Most of the museum's fleet of antique and modern buses will be on display for photo opportunities and interior viewing.

A barbecue lunch will be available for a \$17 donation (\$10 for children 10 and under). There will be a bus memorabilia flea market with antique bus items for sale.

The museum was founded by a group of "bus enthusiasts" who enjoyed getting to-

gether and "talking shop". Out of this nucleus was formed the Pacific Bus Museum, an all-volunteer, tax-exempt organization based in Northern California. The museum's goal is to preserve, restore, operate and display buses and bus related material for the education and enjoyment of the membership and the public.

For more information visit the museum's website at pac-bus.org.

See these buses up close and experience the glory and magnificence of these machines. Learn how you can be a part of ensuring that they are not lost to time.

Tables will be available at the Flea Market for bus memorabilia and bus-related merchandise.



A Peerless Stages bus operated in San Jose and vicinity. During beach season it took passengers to Santa Cruz.



At right, this 1986 MCI 102-A-3 coach started out as a shell that was converted to a personal RV for the Hoffman family, owners of Hoffman Custom Coaches of Clarendon, Pa. Tammy Wynette used it from 1988 until she died on April 6, 1998.

At left, is a 1955 GM Scenicruiser, which operated from 1954 to the mid '70s. The two-level coach was a design in Western Europe and Great Britain.



OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Cutting Observatories a Mistake

The USA operates the best observatories in the world, on ground and in space, that study our planet, Earth. That's about to change. Trump's budget, passed by the Republicans in Congress, cancels programs that produce unparalleled scientific information.

Two Orbiting Carbon Observatories, costing \$750 million to develop and launch, have been sending highest-quality data, mea-

suring the amount of carbon dioxide in the air for years. They will be shut down in October, saving a paltry \$15 million. Four land-based observatories, in Hawaii, Alaska, Samoa, and Antarctica, that have been measuring atmospheric pollution for 70 years, will close, saving a miniscule \$164,000.

Scientific understanding about our changing climate will be blinded. And that's the reason these observatories will be terminated. When interrupted, our ability to manage

longtime trends will be stunted.

Shutting down observatories is like poking pointed sticks into our eyes. We won't know what hits us next, until it does.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Ideology Well Documented

Richard Mellor, in his letter (Letters to the Editor, July 24, 2025) demanding that "The San Leandro City Council needs to step up and condemn the Israeli/US genocidal war against the Palestinian people," starts well but he very fast shows his ignorance on the ideological motivations of the genocide. Mellor keeps on using the term "Zionism" which is nothing but a fig leaf to cover for the real ideology that influences the Jewish State.

The ideology behind the extermination of the Palestinians, which wasn't started on October 7, 2023 but in 1948, is the same

ideology behind the extermination of the tribes that inhabited Canaan thousands of years ago; it is the ideology of "The Promised Land" and "The Chosen People." That ideology is well documented in the Old Testament: Samuel 1-15 "Now go and attack Amalekites and completely destroy everything they have. Do not spare them. Kill men and women, infants and nursing babies, oxen and sheep, camels and donkeys".

Here's some more: Deuteronomy 20:17 "But you shall utterly exterminate them, The Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites; as the Lord thy God has commanded thee." There's many more of these kinds of statements in the Old Testament.

The tenets mentioned are the ideology behind the crimes committed by the Jewish State, starting thousands of years ago, not some Zionist fig leaf that appeared by the end of the nineteen century.

Suspiciously, Mellor also praises "young anti-Zionist Jews" for their protests. What escapes Mellor, or perhaps not, is that their actions are part of the campaign to save the ideology behind the crimes, because it is becoming very evident to the whole world. These "courageous" Jews were part of a gang that pushed me out of a demonstration in San Francisco because my sign read "The Jewish State is a criminal entity." They're in charge of policing the signs and of controlling the discourse.

Mellor also states that "The US ruling class is rife with anti-semites that have no love for the Jews." What about Schumer, Schiff, Raskin, Blumenthal and a long list of Democrats, followers of the same ideology. Religions are ideologies. Finally, since when "anti semitism" is exclusively about the Jews? Most Arab people are Semitic people.

Leo T. West
San Leandro

Joaquin, Juana Ave. Neighbors Throw National Night Out Party

A National Night Out party in Estudillo Estates came together in the final week but turned out great.

"We only signed up a week ago and are thrilled with how it turned out," said Jenny Rauh. "When the community comes together great things happen. Our neighborhood is enthusiastic about taking the next steps to make the area safer for everyone."

The gathering for the area around Joaquin, San Jose and Juana avenues brought in many neighbors, plus City Councilwoman Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton, plus San Leandro Police Lieutenant Jeffrey Walton, and Nitza Torres, administrative specialist for Chief Angela Averiett.

"There was plenty of great food, and we appreciated the fun schrag from both SLPD and the Alameda County Fire Department that helped make the evening even more festive," Rauh said.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JENNY RAUH

The party was just thrown together in the last week but it turned out great in the Estudillo Estates neighborhood.

Night Out: 'We want to reduce isolation and create a day of fun'

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Building Community Partnerships

Officer Jay Robinson of the San Leandro Police Department explains that National Night Out offers a unique opportunity to interact with the community.

"It's a chance for us to exchange crime tips, identify ways to keep our neighborhoods safer, and strengthen our partnerships," Robinson said.

Robinson believes these face-to-face interactions are vital.

"This event allows us to meet residents, address their concerns, and really get to know them," Robinson said. "Ultimately, it's about working together to ensure everyone feels safe in their own neighborhood."

Neighborhood Perspectives

Keandra Marion-Bell, the Resident Services Coordinator for Eden Housing, explains how the event helps to combat isolation, particularly among seniors.

"This year, our theme is 'commUNITY,' which focuses on bringing everyone together," Marion-Bell says. "We want to reduce isolation and encourage a day of fun and connection, especially for our senior residents."

Eden Housing hosts National Night Out each year, often involving local police,



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUSAN SEQUEIRA

The neighborhood on Graham Way had a pot luck last night to celebrate National Night Out on August 5 and part of the crowd took a picture with Mayor Juan Gonzalez.

fire departments, and even city officials.

"Last year, the mayor performed a song for the residents. It's a wonderful way to bring the community and the residents closer," Marion-Bell said.

Cambridge Avenue

Leslie Robertson, a local resident who has hosted National Night Out on Cambridge Avenue for over 20 years, values the connections it creates.

"This event is about more than just getting together for a fun evening—it's about building trust and knowing you can rely on your neighbors," Robertson said.

Robertson, along with two neighbors, has helped host National Night Out on the same street for two decades.

"We've worked hard to keep our community tight-knit, and it's made a difference when it comes to supporting each other," Robertson said.

First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church hosted its second National Night Out party where Lou Pennebaker is the director of Christian Ministry and Education.

"This year, we're celebrating the 100th anniversary of our building, and the event gives us a chance to engage

with the community," Pennebaker said. "It's also an opportunity to show our appreciation for the police and fire departments who support us."

Pennebaker sees National Night Out as a way to bridge gaps between old and new neighbors.

"It's about coming together to build a stronger, more supportive environment."

A Night for Safety and Connection

National Night Out in San Leandro is more than just a celebration—it's an investment in the long-term safety and cohesion of the community. By fostering open com-

munication and collaboration, the event helps create a more unified neighborhood.

"This night isn't just about crime prevention, it's about getting to know each other and making sure we all stay safe together," said Officer Rob-

inson. "Through these shared moments and conversations, San Leandro continues to grow as a community where residents and law enforcement work hand-in-hand to build a safer, more connected environment."

Obituaries

Timothy Caselli

September 31, 1965 ~ August 6, 2025

Tim passed away Peacefully at home on August 6, 2025, after a two year battle with cancer—always the optimist, Tim believed he would beat it—right up until the moment of his passing.

Tim is survived by his best friend and wife of 34 years, Janyce and their children Dominic and Lauren along with his brother Steven and large group of close and loving cousins. For the past 25 years, Tim and Janyce lived a blessed life in their Washington Manor home.

A man filled with love for his community and all of the friends he considered his family, Tim was always willing to help and over the years raising his family, he volunteered to help with Church activities, school activities and was known to so many as "Coach" because of his activities, with both Babe Ruth Baseball and CYO Basketball. Tim didn't know how to say NO, if anyone asked for help, he was always up for the task and if it involved being in a kitchen, he was the first to say yes to cooking & planning any event. Some of his fondest memories were running the kitchen for several years for both the St. Felicitas Crab Feed and the St. Felicitas School 8th Grade Dinner.

Tim loved cooking, traveling, gardening and anything that included spending time with his kids. He was so proud of the adults his children have grown up to be and would gush about their lives and accomplishments anytime he could.

A Celebration of Life will be held at St. Felicitas Catholic Church at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 19. Located at 1662 Manor Boulevard, San Leandro.





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The Walgreens in Palma Plaza on 136th Avenue and East 14th Street closed last March and the Rite Aid in Estudillo Center closed last month.

Rite Aid: New owner of stores may be known in upcoming days

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Leandro location, are now up for auction. Of those, 109 are in California, according to

A&G Real Estate Partners in Melville, New York According to Mike Matlat of A&G Real Estate Partners

in Melville, New York, one of the brokers managing the sales, if a buyer is not found for the San Leandro lease by

September, efforts to sell the lease will cease and the property will revert to the owner, Ardenbrook Inc. of Fremont, Calif.

Oswego, Oregon.

The sublease prohibits pharmacy use and, in an email, the listing broker Steve Mench

indicated that he could not discuss details at this time and will have more information in the coming days.

The Walgreens store closed in March 2025 in addition to 12 other stores. In a San Leandro Times article (Feb. 27, 2025), Jennifer Cato, a Walgreens spokeswoman said the pharmacy is central to the company's business strategy. "However, increased regulatory and reimbursement pressures are weighing on our ability to cover costs associated with rent, staffing, and supply needs."

The San Leandro Walgreens site is currently being offered for sublease by Mench Real Estate Capital in Lake

Tips: Funds for towns along state highways

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