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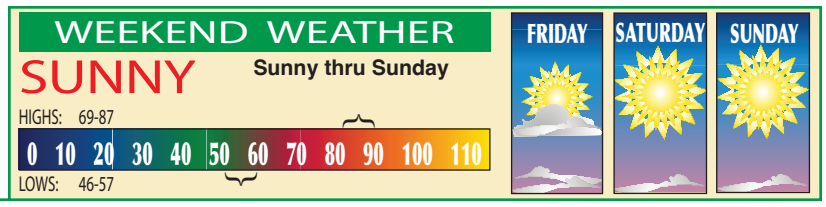



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**Residents in more than 500 vehicles took advantage of the Household Hazardous Waste drop-off at the Oro Loma Sanitary District.**

## Oro Loma Lets Residents Dispose of Hazardous Waste

The Oro Loma Sanitary District hosted a one-day Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off at its San Lorenzo facility on Sept. 20, offering Alameda County residents a safe, convenient, and free way to dispose of household hazardous materials.

The drop-off welcomed more than 500 vehicles at 2600 Grant Avenue that morning, in partnership with the Alameda County Environmental Health Department, Clean Harbors, Waste Management, and StopWaste,

"Our goal was to build on the success of our 2017 HHW collection, and our staff was excited to bring this vital service back to the community," said General Manager Jimmy Dang.

In 2017, the Oro Loma Sanitary District hosted an HHW event at Arroyo High School for nearly 200 people. The 2026 event expanded by bringing HHW collection to Oro Loma's facility, giving residents a convenient way to properly dispose of materials that shouldn't go in household trash, recycling, or compost.

"We had exceptional participation this year," said Oro Loma board member Shelia Young. "It required robust partnerships and coordination to facilitate an event of this magnitude,

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## City Making Strides in Housing The Homeless

### But not enough being done for the mentally ill homeless, says Boldt

***By Ruben Banuelos***
*San Leandro Times*

A year into running its first homeless shelter, San Leandro is beating the county's numbers, said city officials at the Sept. 21 City Council meeting.

The city's annual report on the Lewelling Interim Housing and Drop-In Center, presented to the City Council, showed a shelter that's getting people housed faster and at a higher rate than most others in Alameda County.

The 29-room shelter, built out of the former Nimitz Motel on Lewelling Boulevard, served 66 people across 61 households this fiscal year.

Eighty-two percent came in chronically homeless. Of the 36 people who left the program, 23 (64 percent) moved into permanent housing. Eleven ended up back on the street.

Deputy City Manager Jessica Lobedan, who oversees the program, said the roughly six-month average stay and exit rate both beat the county average.

Part of the success rate is that the county already stacks the shelter's waitlist with the people most likely to succeed, according to Liz Varela, ex-

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## City, County Working On Ballot SNAFU

The voters passed Measure F in June to change the election of council members to district-based elections, not citywide.

But ballots sent out for the November 3 election still reflect the city's previous at-large election system.

The City Council was set on Monday night to vote on a resolution that calls for the Registrar of Voters to tabulate the City Council elections by district. The mayor's race remains at-large, citywide.

An update will appear next week, Oct. 22.

## Alameda County to Host San Lorenzo Theatre Marquee Lighting Tonight

Alameda County will host a marquee lighting ceremony at the Lorenzo Theater, 16080 Hesperian Blvd., on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m.

Phase II of the Lorenzo Theatre Fire Rehabilitation and Façade Renovation Project, a $17.8 million investment approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, will reach completion in December.

The 700-seat Lorenzo Theater was constructed in 1947. Alameda County purchased it in 2010 for re-use as a public arts and entertainment venue.

In 2020, the Lorenzo Theater suffered two fires and underwent emergency rehabilitation including debris removal, building stabilization, and seismic upgrade.

In September 2025, Phase II of the fire rehabilitation project began and included interior reconstruction, historic black-light mural restoration, and preservation of the theater's iconic façade features, such as the marquee, tower, and ticket booth.

The Lorenzo Theater is on the California Register of

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# Library Events

**Spooktacular Crafternoon**

Celebrate Halloween with Arts and Crafts on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. While supplies last. Open to children of all ages. No registration required.

**Halloween Crochet**

Get crafty and creepy with Halloween-themed crochet on Saturday, Oct. 17, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. Stitch up ghastly creations and have some festive fun. All skill levels welcome, ages 13 and up.

**Teen Lounge**

The Teen Lounge is open every Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library 300 Estudillo Ave. Games, art, snacks, and fun. Open to teens in grades 6-12, no registration necessary.

**Booktoberfest**

The San Leandro Library will host a literary trivia night at Fieldwork Brewing Co., 100 W. Juana Ave., on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. Bring a team or make some new friends.

**Cybersecurity for Seniors**

Learn how to protect your identity, privacy, and assets online at Cybersecurity for Seniors, on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 11 a.m. to noon at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Registration required at www.sanleandro.org/162/Public-Library.

**Homework Center at Manor Branch Library**

Need help with your homework? Come to the Homework Center at the Manor Branch Library 1241 Manor Blvd, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This is for students in grades 1 through 5. Registration needed: www.sanleandro.org.

**Project Literacy Tutor Training**

Volunteer at the library and make a difference in someone's life. Tutors help adult students improve their basic reading, writing, and English language skills. No experience needed. Training consists of an online orientation and three workshops. Upcoming workshops will be held at the San Leandro Library on Saturday, October 3, 10, and 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. Start with the online orientation at sanleandro.org/literacy or call 510-577-3944.

## Correction

In the story about the death of San Lorenzo High student and football player Shane Cuisine (Oct. 8, 2026) the cause of his death was not from a car crash, as stated. The cause of death has not been given.

**Family Fun Night: Dia de los Muertos Music and Dance**

Cascada de Flores presents Ofrenda Musical Para Nuestros Muertitos - Let's Build a Musical Altar – on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. This all-ages on the Day of the Dead with song, dance, tradition, personal stories and a large variety of musical instruments.

PHOTO COURTESY THE LORENZO THEATRE FOUNDATION

**Movie goers came to The Lorenzo when it opened in 1947, and now the marquee will light up again.**

## Marquee: 'The Lorenzo Theatre is more than a building, it's a cultural landmark'

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Historical Resources.

The lighting of the tower and marquee is another step to bring the theater into a new era where she will again shine light onto San Lorenzo Village," according to the Lorenzo Theatre Foundation.

"The Lorenzo Theatre is more than a building, it's a cultural landmark," said Sandi Rivera, director of the Alameda County Community Development Agency. "The restoration will help rejuvenate the downtown area and create continuous opportunities for community building and economic growth,"

"The lighting of the marquee is an important and meaningful event, said Alameda County Supervisor Lena Tam, who will be at the lighting ceremony. "The restoration of the Lorenzo Theatre will enhance economic vitality and contribute to the revitalization of the downtown San Lorenzo commercial corridor."

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# Community Calendar

**Month of the Holy Rosary**

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mary Queen of Light, invites girls in the 1st through 12th grade to celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. Please join us for fun, food and faith at the St. Mary's Center, St. Felicitas Church, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Wear pink! RSVP is required, call Lorine at 510-461-7317.

**San Leandro Garden Club to Meet**

The San Leandro Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 10:30 a.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. The speaker this month will be Georgianna Messina from Alameda Master Gardners Association, speaking on "Growing a Perennial Herb Garden." Everyone is welcome.

**Washington Home Owners to Meet**

The Washington Home Owners Association will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday Oct. 21, at 6:30 p.m.at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Members of the police department will talk about emerging police technologies and how they help solve crimes. Find out what's happening in the police department and how we can together fight crime. Washington Manor, Bonaire and Floresta residents along with the general public are encouraged to attend. For more information, visit:www.whoasl.com or call Bob Glaze at 510-352-2058.

**Learn About The Mobility Project**

Eden Area seniors are invited to The Mobility Project, a travel mobility program designed to help older adults explore transportation options and stay connected to their communities, sponsored by the United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County. Learn more about the 2026–2027 Peer-to-Peer Senior Mobility Project on three Fridays – Oct. 23, Jan. 22, and Feb. 26 – from 11 a.m. to noon at 20980 Redwood Road, Suite 250 in Castro Valley. Come to a special presentation for the Eden Area Senior Action Group. Learn more about the program and how it can help support mobility and independence for older adults in the Eden Area. Space is limited. RSVP to Tanya.Washington@acgov.org

**For Older Adults – Walk with Ease**

Spectrum Community Service welcomes older adults to Walk with Ease, meeting three days a week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday through Dec. 23 at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. Class times are 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., and 1 to 2 p.m. Led by a certified instructor who enjoys exercising with older adults. The one hour sessions included 30 minutes of walking at your own pace. Registration required by phone or website: SpectrumCS.org/Senior-Services/Fall-Risk-Reduction, or call 510-876-8809.

**A Matter of Balance**

A Matter of Balance is an eight-session program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Nov. 18 at the San Lorenzo Community Center, 1970 Via Buena Vista in San Lorenzo. Learn how to manage fall concerns and improve flexibility, balance, and strength. Register by calling 510-881-6766.

**Vendor Space Available at Arroyo Holiday Boutique**

The Arroyo Athletic Boosters are seeking vendors for the Annual Holiday Boutique that will be on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arroyo High School cafeteria, 15701 Lorenzo Ave. in San Lorenzo. The cost is $40 per 10-by-10 foot space. Sign up at: https://arroyo-athletic-boosters-holiday-boutique.cheddarup.com

**Lose Weight by Joining TOPS**

Resolved to lose weight in 2026? Join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) for the support you need to start your weight loss journey. TOPS is a non profit weight loss support group that meets on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. (doors open at 8:45 a.m.) at the United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St. in Castro Valley. For more information, contact Linda Brooks at 510-461-3894. Join us for fellowship and support. What do you have to lose?


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GUEST COMMENTARY

# Autumn is Here

By Carl Medford, CRS
*Special to the Times*

After a summer of tourists in shorts freezing in San Francisco, fall is officially here. It's a confusing time: you need jackets in the morning, short sleeves at lunch and sweaters by dinnertime. Trees change color: not like Maine, but a few trees in Fairview and Pleasanton put on a half-decent show. Complaints begin appearing on Nextdoor about irresponsible neighbors who allow the leaves on their trees to fall randomly on neighboring properties.

Autumn rains appear and meteorologists begin tracking storms that might deliver a whopping 0.08 inches of water. I-880 turns into a demolition derby as proof, once again, that locals have no idea how to drive in 'inclement' weather.

Pumpkin spice lattes hit Starbucks marquees and everything from muffins, candles, dog treats and possibly the motor oil at Jiffy Lube takes on a pumpkiny hue. Half Moon Bay launches into preserving its reputation as the pumpkin capital of the universe as thousands clog CA-92, transforming a normal 15-minute drive into a two-hour melee.

Halloween stores appear before Labor Day barbecues have cooled. Orange lights, ghouls and giant skeletons litter yards, some costing more than a mortgage payment and boosting electricity bills into the stratosphere.

Market tables struggle to hold up under the onslaught of apples, pears, squash and persimmons while someone in Berkeley is explaining why their locally sourced sustainably grown pumpkin was also emotionally supported.

Furnaces that have remained cold for months fire up, tinging the air with that unique ozone smell of burning dust. Thermostat wars begin as partners argue about how to regulate the heat. Somewhere, despite Clean Air policies, a fireplace fires up because the calendar says it's October.

All of this signals the need to secure your home for the winter. It's time to make sure smoke and CO detectors are in place and working. Automated landscaping sprinkler timers should be recalibrated and any vegetation (including branches) touching the house should be trimmed. Extensions should be added to downspouts as necessary and doors and windows checked for weatherproofing.

Fall is the favorite season for many as colors change, the air develops a crispness and the holiday season is just over the horizon. The housing market also changes as sales usually slow. Sunday afternoon open house traffic dips because the 49ers are playing. For buyers, this season spells opportunity: as the market cools, competition lessens and the potential of securing a home increases significantly.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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By----------, Deputy
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## WEEKEND GARDENER

### Vegetables

Harvest winter squash and pumpkins when the vines are dry and the rinds are hard. Cut the stems rather than breaking or tearing them, and leave 2 inches of stem attached to the squash. Let them cure in a dry, well-ventilated area at room temperature for two weeks. Squash and pumpkins should keep for about six months.

### Ground Cover

Now is the time to plant new ground covers from six-packs or flats. The root systems will become established over the fall and winter months allowing growth to accelerate in spring.

### Vegetables

Transplant artichokes, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, ornamental cabbage, rhubarb and established herbs such as comfrey, sage and thyme. All of these should mature before the first frost and will overwinter nicely.

### Flowers

Most perennials can be transplanted, or divided and replanted. To divide, use a spade or sharp knife to separate the large clumps. Discard the old, unproductive sections. Trim the foliage of young growth to 4 or 6 inches. Dig in compost, replant and water to settle the soil.

### Cooler Weather Jobs

Use nitrogen in your compost pile to keep it working the lower fall temperatures. Snails and slugs are in abundance after drizzly damp days. Hand pick them from plants, using a flashlight at dusk.


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**Mercey Zamora**
**Case Number: 26PR204938**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Mercey Zamora**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **Ernesto Ricardo Zamora and Christella M. Sue.** in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that **Ernesto Ricardo Zamora and Christella M. Sue.** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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 December 18, 2026, 10:15 a.m., Dept. 201, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.**

**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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# OPINION

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### Vote No on Five Propositions

Editor,

Proposition 39 rigs elections by stealing your voting rights. If you forget your ID card, then you cannot vote. We already use ID cards to register to vote. Prop. 39 restricts all voters to keep us from voting in American elections.

Proposition 43 cuts public services by restricting local taxes from funding public services that our communities need. The consequence of Prop. 43 will be cuts to police, fire, 911, street maintenance, senior services, libraries, public education, and parks and recreation.

Proposition 45 deregulates CEQA environmental reviews on destructive projects by private developers. Prop 45. pollutes our environment and shortens the lifespans of Californians.

Proposition 42 and Proposition 41 trick voters to stop the billionaire tax in Prop. 40.

**Alvaro Ramos**
*San Leandro*

### Higher Taxes to Pay for $370,000 Salary

Editor,

I think pay increases should only be awarded to any city employee when the city budget is balanced and not in a deficit. Many of us San Leandro residents are tired at looking at another tax, because our supposed leaders can't balance the budget, but they seem to come together to approve salary increases.

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# Finding the What, How, and Why in Relationships

*By Ronald Mah*
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

How you respond to ansensical… if not outright outrageous, sabotaging, and destructive or disruptive.

Making choices or behaving so off- "That's a no-brainer." Well, you don't operate with their brain, but with your personality, history, values, and models. And they, theirs. The three simple words: "what, how, and why" lead to understanding and more productive interactions.

Not folding clothes, driving too fast, overeating or drinking, procrastination, forgetting chores… dating one jerk or loser after another, and so forth. The "What" identifies what's problematic. Then there's "How," which identifies the process. How does not folding clothes develop? They dress from the laundry basket, do not do their own laundry, and are distracted by other things. Driving too fast may be poor time management, rushing from being late…or a sense of immortality. Being a serial jerk or loser dater occurs from loneliness and desperation, ignoring the negative cues, thinking that they can fix them, and/or deceiving themselves that this time will be different.

Once the "What" and "How" are identified, the fix can be identified as well. Cut it out. Stop it. If simple enough, recognition might be sufficient to change. Identifying not to replicate behavior might be sufficient. "I'm getting distracted by Instagram or TikTok… again. Stop, finish what you're doing first." "I sense… see jerkiness. Stop dating this dude."

However, some people know exactly what they are doing and how they are doing it and cannot stop. They know they're drawn to or distracted from, but they go ahead anyway. They cringe at what the jerk/loser does, like the last two or three jerk/losers, and even know that they're doing wishful thinking to change and fix… but continue dating the jerk/loser. Knowing it's wrong- a no-brainer. Thus, feeling shame and doom. And behavior continues, UNLESS there's enough awareness, attention, and insight about behavior and the choices behind "Why" they do it.

The Why issues can be personality, family or cultural models, but they could also be deeper issues or needs about self-esteem, stress, trauma, and so forth. Why does the person ignore the cues (much less the warnings of their friends)? There may be something as important and profound as trying to prove oneself worthy from being treated as unimportant and insignificant while growing up. There's a whole lot to that, and it cannot be worked out in this simple article. The "Why" can run deep and be very difficult to work through. However, ignoring or minimizing that often means that dysfunction and problems continue and repeat… sometimes for years… a lifetime. When figuring out the What and the How isn't enough to change (or heal), it may be important to figure out the Why

# Road Resurfacing Begins Across Castro Valley

*By Michael Singer*
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Castro Valley residents can expect a series of roadway improvements over the coming weeks, as the Alameda County Public Works Agency (PWA) launched a resurfacing project across several local streets this past Monday.

Construction is expected to continue through the end of May, though officials note the timeline could shift depending on weather and work conditions.

The project will focus on improving road quality along several key corridors, including Redwood Road between Castro Valley Boulevard and Charlene Way. Additional work will take place along the entire length of Columbia Drive, Brecon Court, Independent School Road, Lobert Street, and Tanglewood Drive.

A PWA spokesperson said crews will grind down existing pavement, repair deteriorated sections of roadway, and apply new asphalt. The work is intended to extend the lifespan of the roads and improve overall driving conditions.

To reduce disruptions on heavily traveled routes, work on Redwood Road will occur overnight, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. In contrast, construction on the remaining streets will take place during daytime hours, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Motorists and residents should prepare for temporary lane closures and traffic control measures. Drivers may encounter delays in work zones. While PWA says it will maintain access to homes, there may be brief periods of restricted entry as crews complete paving operations.

Residents living near the construction areas, particularly along Redwood Road, may also notice increased noise, lighting, and heavy equipment activity during overnight work hours.

Despite the temporary inconveniences, county officials say the project is part of a broader effort to maintain safe and reliable infrastructure throughout the community.

*For more information or to report concerns, residents can contact the Alameda County Public Works Agency Construction Hotline at (510) 670-5591 or email info@acpwa.org.*

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# School Board Gives Commissioners, Self a Raise

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The increases are in line with state law (Assembly Bill AB 1390), which took effect on January 1. The law allows for an increase in the maximum monthly compensation for school board members to up to five times the current statutory limits.

According to the staff report, the changes are based on a district's average daily attendance and have not been updated since 1984.

While the board collectively said it did not want to negatively impact student funding, each member noted that increasing compensation for meetings would encourage more people to run for a seat on the school board or serve on a commission.

"When I was just a teacher and a single mom with two kids, a compensation of $240 per meeting… I couldn't do it," said Trustee Dolly Adams. "I wouldn't have been able to work my full-time job and then spend that evening time and other events we attend. It would have been impossible. So, I think a higher compensation would work, one, because it's fair… and two, because it allows for more people to be on this board."

In other Board news, the Trustees heard an update on Castro Valley's Welcoming, Inclusive, Equitable, Safe Spaces (WIES) program.

Jaliza Eagles, CVUSD Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator, outlined the district's efforts to better engage its Black and Latino student population. Its recent focus has been placed on reflecting on one's cultural lens, recognizing and redressing bias in the system, drawing on students' culture to shape curriculum and instruction, and communicating in linguistically and culturally responsive ways. The program covers all CVUSD elementary, middle, and high school campuses.

School site leaders are learning to engage all students using 16 strategies based on behavioral work pioneered by Sharroky Hollie, who found that some misunderstood student behaviors, such as lack of eye contact, verbal overlap, and high movement, are more rooted in cultural norms than in defiance of school norms.

Eagles added that the district will continue focused training, ongoing teacher support, and help administrators understand what these look like in the classroom.

The CVUSD Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet next on April 22.

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**Sutter continues to grow its regional footprint in Castro Valley to deliver specialized, compassionate care in a more accessible, community-based setting.**

# Sutter Focuses on Prevention, Early Detection

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ceiving care close to home can significantly ease the burden on patients and their families.

A key feature of the new facility is its integrated care model. By housing heart and cancer specialists in the same location, providers can collaborate more closely on patient care, leading to more coordinated treatment plans and potentially better outcomes.

Dr. Rob Nordgren, chief medical officer for Sutter's Greater San Francisco and East Bay Division, said the center represents a shift toward a more comprehensive, patient-focused approach. He emphasized the importance of combining advanced diagnostics, modern technology, and a whole-person view of health to guide treatment decisions.

The center also works closely with nearby Eden Medical Center, helping ensure continuity of care from diagnosis through treatment and follow-up.

For cardiology patients, the facility emphasizes prevention and early detection. Physicians say that by identifying cardiovascular risks earlier, often before symptoms develop, they can help patients make lifestyle changes and receive treatment sooner, potentially avoiding more serious complications.

Cancer patients may also benefit from the center's location. Receiving oncology care locally can reduce travel time and stress, especially for those undergoing frequent treatments. Doctors say this convenience can improve both the patient experience and overall care coordination.

Healthcare leaders credited the project's success to collaboration among physicians, nurses, staff, and community partners. They say the new center is part of a larger plan to expand services throughout the East Bay.

# **Homeless:** Program needs to address toughest cases, says Boldt

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ecutive director of Building Futures, which runs services on the site.

Residents come off a "crisis queue" ranked by how long they've been homeless, their age and their health. Nearly 90 percent had three or more health conditions when they arrived, and 74 percent had been homeless at least two years.

The site's daytime drop-in center — showers, laundry, meals, case management — is the bigger operation by volume, serving 669 people this year, and 69 percent are chronically homeless.

Varela said most of that work is just getting people "document ready" so the county will actually put them on a housing list.

"It takes a while for us to engage in a relationship and get them document ready," Varela said.

Fourteen drop-in clients moved into permanent housing this year, and on one day alone, staff got eight people housed at once, Varela said.

The Housing Consortium of the East Bay, run by Executive Director Darin Lounds, developed the Leveling property and manages it.

**Program Needs to Reach Out to the Mentally Ill**

City Councilmember Dylan Boldt asked about the roughly 300-person countywide waitlist and said the toughest group to reach, in his view, isn't anyone at Lewelling — it's people who are severely mentally ill and won't engage with outreach at all.

"That is like the whole county's goal, to figure that out," Boldt said.

City Councilmember Fred Simon raised safety concerns about the pedestrian crossing near the Interstate 880 underpass connecting the site to nearby buses and BART, pointing to a county walkability audit that couldn't even be finished because cars entering the freeway wouldn't stop for the group.

City Councilmember Xouhoa Bowen wanted to know what happens in 2030, when the site's state funding requires it to convert from interim shelter to permanent housing — likely through a competitive process with an outside developer. There's no plan yet for a second shelter to replace it once that happens.

Mayor Juan González raised a question of a racial gap in who's getting served. San Leandro's 2024 count found its homeless population is 34 percent white and 28 percent Hispanic or Latino — but Lewelling's shelter clients were just 12 percent Hispanic or Latino.

Staff said it might come down to the shelter's strict entry rules around chronic homelessness and disability, and said they will check the numbers against the rest of the county before drawing conclusions.

The shelter doesn't take families or minors — those cases go through a separate Building Futures' site in San Lorenzo.

# **Hazardous:** Successful Drop-off

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express our gratitude to all who contributed to its success."

The Oro Loma Sanitary District serves communities of unincorporated Alameda County, including San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland, Fairview, portions of Castro Valley, and designated areas of the cities of Hayward and San Leandro.

# **Letters:** City pays CM a fortune

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lot vote. I for one would not approve the increase until the city is financially solvent.

I'd rather see any increase in salaries go towards more police officers salaries. They actually are doing their jobs. If a city manager can't live on $370,000, that is a problem in itself.

The benefits alone, which isn't revealed, is another reason we are in financial problems. Does the city manager even live in our city?

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# San Leandro Football Shuts Out Castro Valley, 38-0

*By Andrew Joseph*
*San Leandro Times*

The San Leandro High football team won the homecoming game, 38-0, over Castro Valley on Friday, October 2 at Burrell Field.

The Pirates enter WACC Foothill League play at an impressive 4-1 overall, hoping to take the league title this year.

"The focus and mindset heading into tonight's game was to execute the game plan and get the win," said Pirates head coach Brad Bowers. "I'm really proud of our team tonight – we came out to play with heart, fire, and intensity the way I wanted us to."

The Trojans received the opening kickoff but couldn't get their offense going on the ground or through the air the entire game.

After a three-and-out the Pirates got the ball and on second and goal, Giovani De Anda caught a touchdown pass for a 6-0 lead after a failed extra-point kick.

San Leandro's defense came up big on the next possession when Ignacio Ceja made an interception on a Castro Valley third down pass that turned into a pick six touchdown to go up 12-0.

San Leandro dominated in all phases of the game with their offense putting on a scoring clinic and their defense shutting out Castro Valley.

The ball was distributed well on the night with De Anda, Cannon Coleman and Marcellus La Bri West all scoring touchdowns for San Leandro before halftime with the Pirates up 35-0.

"We played hard and we played strong to win this game," said Pirates starting quarterback De Anda. "Everybody has doubted us to win games and we have been coming out here to prove them wrong."

San Leandro came out firing on all cylinders the whole night with their offense thriving from good pass protection and a consistent running game.

Defensively they shut out Castro Valley, completely eliminating them from scoring any points. The Pirates kicked a field goal in the fourth quarter to make the score 38-0.

With under three minutes remaining in the game, the Trojans had one last chance to get on the scoreboard, knocking on the door with first-and-goal. But the Trojans fumbled the ball and the Pirates recovered to seal the game.

"Every time we step out to play a season the goal is always to win our league in WACC Foothill and I think we have the ability to do that this year," said Bowers.

Now on a four game winning streak since beating Antioch 21-20 the Pirates are showing up when everyone counted them out. Bowers feels they are getting closer to where they want to be as a football program.

PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

**Ignacio Ceja intercepts a Castro Valley pass for the Pirates and runs it back all the way for a pick-six in the first quarter.**

"We would not be here if the goal was not to win it all and get the league title," added Ceja."

San Leandro has now beaten Antioch, Granada, Foothill and Castro Valley in four consecutive wins. The Pirates will host Bishop O'Dowd on Friday at 7 p.m.

Last year James Logan won the league and San Leandro finished in fifth place going 3-3 in league play and 6-5 overall.

This winning season so far is a turn in the right direction for the Pirates and they have their eye on the league title.

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