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Kyana Fanene of San Leandro performed recently on American Idol.

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San Leandran Sings on American Idol

Kyana Fanene says TV show a step on the way to being an artist

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Kyana Fanene of San Leandro made it most of the way to the top spot on the American Idol TV show, into the Top 24 of the thousands who try out for the show.

But local fans who watched the Songs of Faith special show on Easter Sunday found out she missed making the show's Top 20 who will continue on in the competition.

"It was the biggest blessing. I'm still

in awe," Fanene said of being on the show when she made the Top 24.

Fanene said she decided to try out for the show as part of getting serious about moving into the spotlight as a solo singer. She had been doing considerable work backing up other artists musically, notably, Shawn Mendez, Jon Batiste, Camila Cabello and Damiano David.

"I felt it was my time to move for-

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Residents Learn About Wildfires, Earthquakes

Assemblymember Liz Ortega holds forum on emergency preparedness at San Lorenzo Adult School

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Local residents learned that wildfires now join earthquakes as a major risk of living in the Bay Area at a forum held by Assemblymember Liz Ortega at the San Lorenzo Adult School last Saturday.

For years, people have been advised of precautions they should take against potential devastation from a major earthquake, ranging from not putting heavy items on high shelves to knowing how to turn off the gas for your home to prevent post-

quake fires. Now you have to learn some wildfire precautions that may be new to you if you don't live in a heavily forested area, said event speaker Ron Halog.

Halog is the emergency preparedness coordinator for Independent Living Resources of Solano and Contra Costa Counties, a nonprofit focusing on people with disabilities. Their staff frequently advises communities on disaster preparedness.

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PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Trainer Ron Halog holds up a fire blanket that can smother small kitchen fires at the emergency preparedness meeting on Saturday.

City to Host Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration

The City of San Leandro invites the community to its annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Friday, May 2, at 6 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd.

This free and family-friendly event promises an evening of festive

fun, honoring the rich cultural traditions that help shape the diversity of San Leandro. It's an opportunity for residents of all backgrounds to come together in the spirit of unity and celebration.

Enjoy live performances by Mariachi Vasquez and Bal-

let Folklorico Costa de Oro, showcasing the sounds and sights of traditional Mexican music and dance.

Light refreshments will be available and there will be arts and crafts for children.

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican Army's victory over the French Em-

pire at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

Today, it is celebrated as a vibrant tribute to Mexican heritage, culture, and resilience.

For more information, contact Liz Hodgins at 510-577-3473 or lhodgins@sanleandro.org.

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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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SLHS Jazz Band Invites Everyone to Spring Concert

Everyone is invited to the San Leandro High School Jazz Band Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 7, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Tickets are \$5 at the door. All proceeds go to support the San Leandro High School Instrumental Music Program. It's going to be a spectacular evening filled with soulful jazz music that you won't want to miss.

Asian American Heritage Performance

Celebrate Asian Heritage Month at a free performance on Monday, May 5, from 2 and 4 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Bay Area. The performance will feature musicians playing Chinese instruments, Chinese opera, and short drama skits. This free performance is hosted by the Asian Community Cultural Association of San Leandro and organized by the Jiangsu & Zhejiang Associations.

Calendar Submissions

The Community Calendar is for publicizing nonprofit organizations, charities and community groups. Items can be emailed to jimk@ebpublishing.com or call 510-614-1557.



San Leandro and Lincoln high school students received custom-made corsages from Lucy's Creations.

Collaboration Brings Joy to Prom Night

San Leandro recently celebrated a heartwarming moment as prom season created lasting memories for local teens.

A group of students from San Leandro High School and Lincoln High School received

free, custom-made corsages just in time for their big night, thanks to a collaboration between Lucy Hernandez, owner and floral designer of Lucy's Creations, and School Board President Leo Sheridan.

The gesture was inspired by the Princess Project—a nonprofit organization that empowers teens by providing free prom dresses and accessories. After hearing about the initiative from

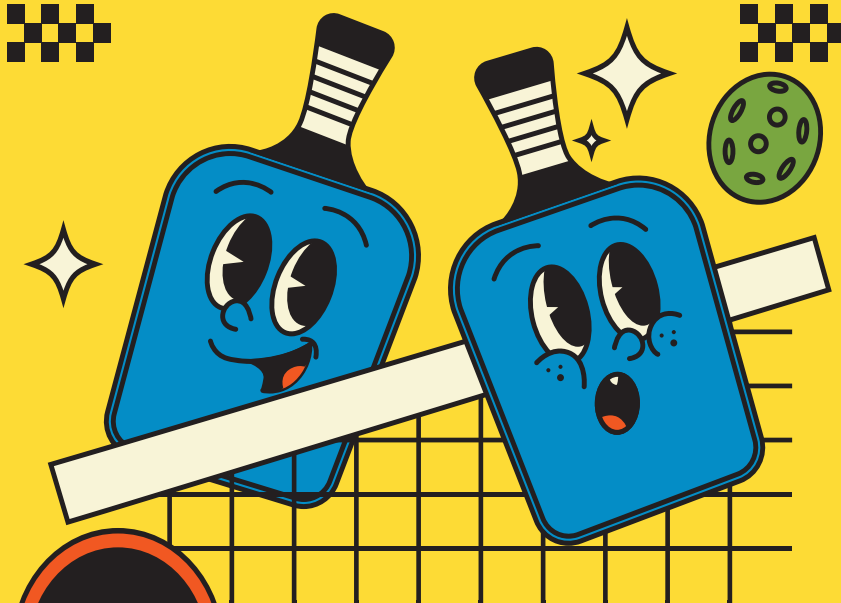
the district's student board representative, Sheridan reached out to Lucy's Creations—and Lucy Hernandez crafted each corsage.

"We wanted every student to feel special, to know that they were seen, valued, and supported," Hernandez said.

The San Leandro High School team also played an integral role, coordinating the project to make sure the corsages arrived in time.

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Community Calendar

Alta Mira Club

Spring Intergenerational Tea

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a Spring Intergenerational Tea on Saturday, May 3, at noon. Tea party attire and hats are optional. \$40 per person, \$10 for children under 12. For reservations, email Nancy Fong at nancyfong@aol.com or call 510-483-1018.

San Leandro Garden Club Yard Sale

The San Leandro Garden Club will have its 4th annual Yard Sale on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bethel Presbyterian Church, 14235 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. The sale will be indoors with a large variety of home goods, handicrafts, previously loved jewelry and of course plants, pots and lots of other things. Proceeds will go to other local non-profits in the area.

24th Annual Arroyo Athletic Boosters

Car Show

The Arroyo Athletic Boosters will hold its 24th Annual Car Show, a day of amazing cars and bikes, on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Arroyo High School, 15701 Lorenzo Ave. in San Lorenzo. Free admission. To register a vehicle in the show, visit <https://ahs-car-show-2025.cheddarup.com> Pre-registration: \$15 cars, \$15 bikes. Day of show: \$30 cars, \$20 bikes. Email Arroyo.Athletic.Boosters@gmail.com for more information.

Castro Valley Orchestra Mother's Day Concert

The Castro Valley Orchestra will present a concert on Mothers' Day, May 11, at 2 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Compositions by Bela Bartok, Franz Schubert, and Agathe Backer-Grøndahl will be featured. Admission is free and donations are gratefully accepted. A reception will follow the concert.

Resolve to Lose Weight by Joining TOPS

Resolve to lose weight in 2025. 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. at the United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria Street in Castro Valley. For more information, call Sandy Montero at 510-299-7312. Join for fellowship and support. What do you have to lose?

First United Methodist Senior Exercise

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, invites senior citizens to a free program of seated exercise and meditation, followed by conversation and table activities with tea and healthy snacks. Meet on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from March 11 to May 13 in Hale Hall which is entered from Bancroft Ave. Nurture your body, mind, and spirit while building community. All are welcome, non-denominational, no charge. For more information, call the church office at 510-483-0606.

San Leandro Toastmasters Meet Every Thursday

San Leandro Toastmasters meets every Thursday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. online through Zoom. Email sanleandrotm@gmail.com for more information. Also, the Toastmasters meet in person at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on the last Thursday of every month from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Senior Lunch Program at First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro, 180 Estudillo Ave., will offer a senior "Young at Heart" lunch program the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Each lunch will be followed by a program ranging from musical groups to information about local charities.

Chorus Eclectic Free Concert

Join Chorus Eclectic for a free concert on Saturday, May 17, at 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd. The chorus will sing popular tunes and fan favorites from past concerts. Entry is from the back parking lot. Snacks, desserts, and raffle tickets for themed baskets will be available for purchase during intermission.

SLAA to Host Spring Art Festival on Saturday

The San Leandro Art Association (SLAA) will present ArtFest Spring 2025, an outdoor art show at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Explore many forms of art by members, on display and for sale: paintings, photography, sculpture and more. Find a great Mothers' Day gift and meet the artists. Buy original works of art. Watch art demonstrations.

Free art activity table where children of all ages may create a piece of art to take home.

Enter the fundraising drawings to win art, goods and services.

All money collected from the raffle goes to SLAA grant programs for school art programs and students in the San



SLAA PHOTO

Art will be on display and for sale this weekend in front of the Main Library.

Leandro School District. For more information visit SanLeandroArt.org or email sanleandroart.contact@gmail.com

St. Leander School 2025 Classic Car Show Set for Saturday, May 10

Calling all lowriders, hot rodders, muscle cars and classic car owners. The St. Leander School 2025 Classic Car Show will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Leander School, 550 W. Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro.

Join St. Leander's inaugural classic car show fundraising event. Registration is \$30.

To register your classic car for this event, visit stleanderschool.org/car-show by



Sunday, May 5.

Participant space is limited. Admission to the show is free to the public. All proceeds support student grants and scholarships.

The Great Gildersleeve at the San Leandro Museum

Step back in time and enjoy a special screening of *The Great Gildersleeve*, the beloved local radio sitcom character brought to life on the big screen, on Saturday, May 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave.

After the film, immerse yourself in the fascinating world of early animation by

creating your own zoetrope, an incredible device that brings the magic of motion to life.

This hands-on program offers a fun, interactive way to explore the charming humor of *The Great Gildersleeve* while discovering the origins of animation technology.

For ages 10 and over. For more information email historymuseum@sanleandro.org.

Events at the Library

Students – Apply for a Summer Job at the SL Library

Apply for a summer job at the San Leandro Public Library. Develop job skills, give back to the community, and have fun. Teen volunteers must be entering grades 9 to 12 and able to commit to 4 weeks of volunteering. More information can be found at sanleandro.org/library. Applications are due May 9.

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Monday is El Día de la Batalla de Puebla, but We'll Just Call it Cinco de Mayo



Mexicans observe Cinco de Mayo as an important national holiday, commemorating the 1862 victory of their country's outnumbered forces against the invading French forces of Napoleon III in the town of Puebla. It is widely celebrated with music and dinner parties in California, a state which favors Mexican food over any other ethnic cuisine.

SIZZLING STEAK FAJITAS

8-10 flour tortillas, warmed
1 onion, sliced

1 green bell pepper, cut into strips
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 pound sirloin or flank steak, cut into strips
Fajita seasoning, recipe follows (or use 1 pkg. of Lawry's Fajita Seasoning)
1/4 cup water

1 tomato, cut into wedges
Cook onion and green pepper in an oiled skillet over medium-high heat until tender; set aside.
In same skillet, brown meat; drain fat. Mix in seasonings and water. Bring mixture to a boil; reduce heat to low and cook uncovered for 5 minutes. Return onion and green pepper to skillet; add tomatoes. Heat through and serve with warmed tortillas. Serves 6.

Fajita Seasoning

1 tablespoon chili powder
1-1/2 teaspoons cumin
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (or pinch of cayenne, to taste)
Combine all ingredients. Yields 1 ounce, enough for 8-10 servings.

EASY ENCHILADAS

1 pound ground beef or 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon oregano
2 teaspoons chili powder
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
3 cups shredded cheese, Jack or Cheddar combos
1-1/4 cups enchilada sauce
12 corn tortillas
If using chicken, boil chicken in water. Then rinse and shred with fork. Add onion and garlic.
If using ground beef, brown with onion and garlic, drain.

Add next 7 ingredients (Worcestershire sauce through black pepper). In another skillet, heat oil. Add tortillas, one at a time, for 10 seconds on each side. Drain on paper towel. In a 10x13-inch baking pan, pour just enough enchilada sauce in the bottom to coat the bottom of the pan.
Fill each tortilla with a spoonful of meat mixture. Cheese, onions, and/or olives can be put inside each enchilada at this time, if desired. Roll tortilla and place seam side down in pan. Continue with remaining tortillas. Pour remaining enchilada sauce over tortillas and top with cheese. Additional olives may be added if desired.
(At this time, pan may be refrigerated for several hours or overnight.)

Bake in 350°F oven for 20 minutes (30 minutes if refrigerated). Top with sour cream. Serves 4-6.

TACOS RANCHEROS

1/2 pound sausage
1/2 pound ground beef
1 ounce taco seasoning mix
8 taco shells
1/2 head lettuce, shredded
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
2 cups tomatoes, chopped
1 cup sour cream
1 cup thick, chunky salsa
In a large skillet, brown sausage and ground beef until no longer pink. Add taco seasoning mix according to package directions. Fill taco shells evenly with meat mixture and garnish lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, sour cream and salsa. Serves 4.

TACO SEASONING MIX

For 2-ounces of mix:
2 tablespoons chili powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon paprika
3 teaspoons ground cumin
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoon black pepper
In a small bowl, mix together ingredients. Store in an airtight container.

BEEF CHIMICHANGAS

1 pound ground beef
1-3/4 cups water
1(1.5 ounce) package Ortega Burrito Seasoning
8 (8-inch) soft-taco-size flour tortillas, warmed
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
Vegetable oil, Salsa, mild Guacamole (optional)
Brown beef; drain. Stir in water and burrito seasoning mix. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring constantly, for 5 to 6 minutes or until mixture is thickened.
Place beef mixture evenly on each tortilla; sprinkle with cheese. Fold into burritos; secure ends with toothpicks.
Add vegetable oil to 1-inch depth in medium skillet; heat over high heat for 3 to 4 minutes.
Place 1 or 2 burritos in oil; fry, turning frequently, for 1 to 2 minutes or until golden brown. Remove with slotted spoon; drain. Repeat with remaining burritos. Remove wooden picks.
Serve with salsa and guacamole. Yields 8 servings.

BASIC QUESADILLAS

Per serving:
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup grated Jack cheese
2 flour tortillas
Melt butter in a cast iron skillet until bubbling. Place 1/4 cup of the cheese on each tortilla and fold over. Fry the quesadillas in hot butter, about 1 minute on each side. The tortillas should be barely golden brown and the cheese melted. Eat immediately.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENTS TO CITY FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES AND TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the City Council of the City of San Leandro, City Hall, 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro, California, on Monday, May 5th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the below matter:

Matter of proposed establishment of new fees and changes in City user fees and service charges for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said fees and taxes to be effective July 1, 2025, in most cases.

Members of the public may attend the meeting in-person at the Council Chambers located at 835 E. 14th Street, online by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/506831637>, or by phone 1-888-788-0099 Enter Webinar ID: 506 831 637

Public comment may be made live during the meeting in-person, via zoom or through the eComment feature at <https://sanleandro.legistar.com>. Please note that the eComment period will close at 11:59 pm the Sunday before the scheduled council meeting and distributed to City Councilmembers prior to the start of the City Council meeting. Written public comment will not be verbally read out loud.

Detailed schedules on the proposed fee adjustments can be found on the City of San Leandro website by visiting <https://www.sanleandro.org/306/Finance-Department> or at the City of San Leandro on file in the Finance Department for public inspection, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): The cautious side of your usually adventurous nature stands you in good stead this week. Someone might, indeed, be trying to pull the wool over the Sheep's eyes.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Planetary alignment still causes unsettling situations. Consider delaying matters that aren't a priority until the weekend. Cheer up! The next such alignment isn't until 2028.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Family matters take precedence. Spend more time with those close to you. A career move sounds promising, but ask for more facts before making a decision.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Your watchword this week is "tact"! While honesty is, of course, the best policy, it's best to temper your tendency toward bluntness with discretion.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Nothing pleases our LEOs and LEONas more than to know they're admired, and this week, you'll be overwhelmed with compliments. Enjoy the adulation! You earned it.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): You're making progress in your dealings with a troubled loved one. Continue to offer understanding and support. You'll soon see positive results.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Change is favored this week. You might want to reassess a situation that has become too demanding. Also, reconsider a job move that you rejected earlier.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A loved one returns after a long separation. At work, a decision is made that could lead to the changes you hoped for. The next step is up to you.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): This is a good time to set things straight in your personal relationships. Some decisions might be difficult but necessary if you're to turn things around.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Cupid rules the CAPRICORN Goat's heart this week. It's a good time to start a new romance or reaffirm your commitment to your current beloved.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Travel and entertainment are favored for the rest of the month. You earned this good time. Enjoy it with friends and family members!



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Someone you've been close to reveals a secret that could put this relationship at risk. Consider the full impact of the admission before making a decision.

San Leandro Native Plant Gardens on View this Saturday

Three private San Leandro gardens are in the annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour which takes place this weekend – Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and May 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Over 50 beautiful, water-conserving native plant gardens throughout the East Bay are in the tour with bay-side gardens, including San Leandro, open on Saturday while inland gardens can be visited on Sunday.

Over half of the partic-

ipating residences will also be sharing their green home features, including solar panels and batteries, induction ranges, heat pumps, and more.

California native plants are adapted to our soil and climate, naturally water conserving, and easy to care for. Native plants are better than non-native plants when it comes to attracting native birds, butterflies, and other forms of wildlife. And, as the gardens on the tour show, these lovely gardens display a

sense of place that is uniquely Californian.

Davis East resident Stefanie Pruegel, whose garden has been on the tour since 2019, has experienced firsthand the difference planting California natives can make.

“When I started in 2026, my yard was nothing but grass and weeds, with next to no wildlife,” Pruegel says. “After just a couple years of gardening with native plants, it is now abuzz with butterflies, bees and other beneficial in-

sects and constant bird song.”

The tour is free (donations welcome) but registration is required. Once signed up, participants receive information and addresses for all participating gardens to create their own self-guided tour. Visit www.BringingBackTheNatives.net for more details and to register.

Insects like this buckeye butterfly feeding on a coast buckwheat, need native plants.

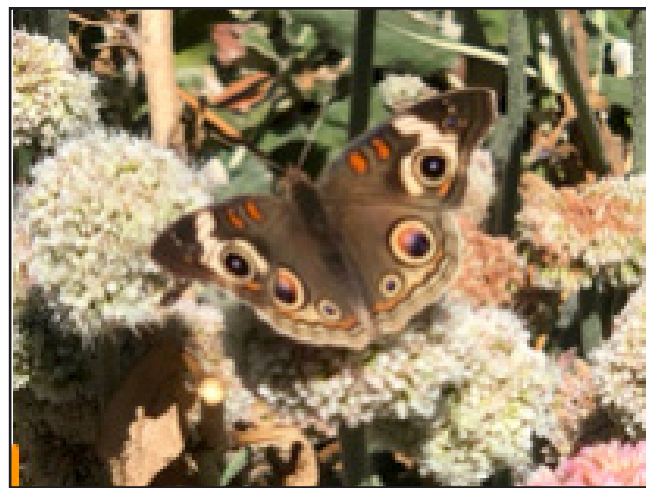


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By Carl Medford, CRS
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A news release by Lynn La from CalMatters.org hit my inbox declaring, "CA tenants, landlords, Democrats all fight over rent caps." It continued, "One of the fiercest legislative fights of 2019 was over a bill limiting the amount that many California landlords can hike rent. Six years later, legislators were back at it again as the Assembly's

housing committee took up a bill Thursday, authored by Democratic Assembly-member Ash Kalra of San Jose, which would:

- Reduce the cap from 10% to 5% (or 2% plus the current inflation rate, whichever is lower);
- Extend the law to single-family homes (currently exempt);
- Make the law permanent (current law sunsets in 2030)."

I need to begin by stating that I fully understand the critical issues facing renters in California. I am

also aware of the problems facing owners of rental properties who are becoming increasingly frustrated with the skyrocketing costs of property ownership, including maintenance, insurance, HOA fees, governmental requirements and more, effectively placing many of them in a negative cashflow position every month. Many of these landlords – especially the mom-and-pop owners with one or two properties – are also upset about the growing demonization of rental property owners by some segments of the government and tenant advocacy associations. Factor in increasing governmental controls limiting their income and many have had enough and are bailing out. Many of these properties are being removed from the rent roles as they are

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being purchased by owner occupants. Not only are landlords selling, they are taking that money out of California and purchasing in states with more amenable regulations. One 4-plex owner in Sacramento, tired of the increasing legislation, put their properties on the market last year. Normally that market has 3-4 fourplexes active at any time. In this case, the number swelled overnight to 22 fourplexes as a mass of owners were trying to liquidate their investments. You can count on more rental housing providers selling their units in the near future. I personally do not believe that intensifying governmental controls is an effective solution. Lawmakers should use this test when considering new rules for rental housing providers: will a new rule maintain, increase or decrease the supply of rental housing? Lawmakers should, like doctors, do no harm first. If the government is truly interested in affordable housing, one way would be to remove the absurd fees currently being levied against builders, many of whom are also pulling out of California.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.

RECENT HOME SALES

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6167 Mount Rushmore Circle 94552: \$1,038,000 [3 BD - 1,561 SF - 1988
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5657 Shadow Ridge Drive 94552: \$1,385,000 [4 BD - 2,100 SF - 1972
6028 Slopeview Court 94552: \$1,609,000 [4 BD - 2,310 SF - 1987

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$1,038,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$1,307,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,609,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$1,315,500

SAN LEANDRO

700 Fargo Avenue #7 94579: \$490,000 [2 BD - 840 SF - 1965
3833 Yorkshire Street 94578: \$540,000 [2 BD - 918 SF - 1987
13756 Schooner Road 94577: \$633,000 [3 BD - 1,125 SF - 1979
48 Harlan Street 94577: \$735,000 [2 BD - 1,035 SF - 1930
136 Pontiac Street 94577: \$760,000 [2 BD - 1,449 SF - 1940
14686 Saturn Drive 94578: \$960,000 [4 BD - 1,748 SF - 1953

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$490,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$684,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$960,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$686,333

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15874 Via Hornitos 94580: \$1,009,000 [3 BD - 2,068 SF - 1956

TOTAL SALES: 1
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$1,009,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$1,009,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,009,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$1,009,000

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20917 Locust Street #A 94541: \$500,000 [2 BD - 1,145 SF - 1980
504 Simon Street 94541: \$530,000 [2 BD - 948 SF - 1940
337 Tippecanoe Avenue 94544: \$600,000 [3 BD - 927 SF - 1951
18028 Silverado Road 94541: \$660,000 [2 BD - 1,270 SF - 1973
17994 Firestone Road 94541: \$670,000 [1,270 SF - 1973
27753 Hummingbird Court 94545: \$740,000 [4 BD - 1,474 SF - 1971
1037 Gomer Street 94544: \$955,000 [3 BD - 1,565 SF - 1956
2038 Boca Raton Street 94545: \$975,000 [3 BD - 1,358 SF - 1956
22639 Myrtle Circle 94541: \$1,020,000 [4 BD - 1,607 SF - 2015
24962 Silverthorne Place 94544: \$1,039,000 [4 BD - 1,807 SF - 2001
24245 Nora Circle 94545: \$1,100,000 [4 BD - 1,693 SF - 2018
1521 Hayden Street 94545: \$1,299,000 [4 BD - 1,974 SF - 2014
25931 Fairview Avenue 94542: \$1,350,000 [4 BD - 1,911 SF - 1953

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$500,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$955,000
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Dandelions Are Called Weeds, but they Have Many Attributes

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q *Dandelions have taken over my lawn. I have tried pulling them up by the roots, but they keep returning. The spray labeled "Dandelion Killer" only caused them to wilt slightly. What should I try next?*

A With patience, you can effectively rid your grass lawn of dandelions. Both organic and non-organic control methods are available, so let's start with the organic ones. Regularly mowing the lawn to prevent the formation of puffy seed heads and pouring boiling water on the plants are two potential solutions. However, manually digging them out is the most common method. Simply yanking them up or cutting off the top growth won't solve the problem, as they have a long taproot. To succeed, you must remove the taproot entirely; otherwise, they will return. Many garden centers offer a weeding tool specifically designed for this purpose, resembling a long screwdriver with a "V"-shaped end, similar to a whale's tail. Hand weeding can become tedious, especially depending on the extent of the dandelion problem. An effective non-organic solution is to apply a selective herbicide for broadleaf weeds. For grass lawns, "Weed and Feed" turf products and liquid herbicides are the primary options, so read the instructions carefully. Often, applicator error is the main reason for poor results. Granular products are best applied using a drop-type spreader rather than a hand-held one. It's also crucial to know when to water. Typically, you should moisten the grass first and then withhold water for a day or two; however, always check the label for specific product instructions. Many brands of liquid herbicides targeting dandelions and other broadleaf weeds are available, including premixed solutions and concentrates that require mixing before application. One of the newer lawn herbicides, Bayer

Advanced Season Long Weed Control, is unique because it kills existing dandelions and prevents dormant seeds from germinating for six months, assuming you don't plan on reseeding the lawn soon. The nursery professional at your favorite garden center can be an excellent resource to help you review your options and make a recommendation. Always ensure you choose the right herbicide to avoid any costly mistakes.

Note: Dandelions are often regarded as weeds, yet they possess many positive attributes. The juice extracted from the plant's roots is still utilized to treat diabetes and enhance blood health, and it also serves as a mild laxative. During World War II, latex was extracted from dandelion roots to produce rubber. Further-



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more, the foliage of dandelions is more nutritious than spinach, boasting high levels of vitamins A and C, along with other essential nutrients. Despite these benefits, dandelions are considered undesirable in lawns, aligning with the classic

definition of a weed: any plant that grows where it is unwanted. This is akin to how a rose might be viewed as a weed if it were to grow in a wheat field. Dandelions are among the most recognizable plants, and their yellow flowers eventually

develop into puffballs containing seeds, which are dispersed by the wind or by children who delight in watching the feathery material float away as they blow on them.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No: 25CV119004
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. In the matter of the petition to change the name(s) of Michael Thomas Grosse. Petitioner(s) Michael Thomas Grosse has/have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name(s) as follows: Michael Thomas Grosse to Michael Thomas Wloszek. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. **24405 Amador Street Dept. 514, Hayward, CA 94544 on AUGUST 22, 2025 at 9:30 am.** A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county The San Leandro Times. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter are directed to make known any objection that they may have to the granting of the petition for change of name by filing a written objection, which includes the reasons for the objection, with the court at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and by appearing in court at the hearing to show cause why the petition for change of name should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Dated: APRIL 16, 2025
Thomas J. Nixon - Judge of the Superior Court
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OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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The Value of Public Education

Editor,
I enjoyed reading about Halkin Elementary school third graders' field trip to the San Leandro History Museum. This local program is a true gem, and our city is fortunate to have such a resource.

I have fond memories of my own kids enjoying this field trip during their elementary school days! I also loved to read about CPR training at the middle schools was great — good things happen in our local schools.

The San Leandro Education Foundation is proud to fund the San Leandro History Museum field trips for all 3rd and 4th grade classes in SLUSD, with the help of local sponsors like the Rotary Club of San Leandro, among others.

In these uncertain times, and with public education under attack, it's more important than ever to preserve access to enriching and inspiring education opportunities. I am so proud to live in a community that values education, a city that provides excellent resources like the museum and the libraries, and to have so many local business partners and families who make a difference.

I urge others to help give students opportunities by supporting SLED and other youth-focused non-profits in San Leandro when they can. It will make a difference to not only the students, but it also strengthens our community.

Kate Miller
San Leandro

Kate Miller is the Executive Director of the San Leandro Education Foundation

Crime Is Down

Editor,

The city should consider purchasing a few digital signs to highlight the drop in crime. I have heard people in San Leandro say they are afraid to go out in public because of crime.

Yet crime is down according to the FBI who keep stats on the issue. Violent crime is down 15 percent, murders down 26 percent, rapes 25 percent, robberies 17 percent and property crime down 15 percent.

Digital sign costs are also down and they are everywhere. Most

public schools in the city have one. If citizens in the city feel safer because of seeing these stats, that's a quality-of-life improvement and the city should use them. Unfortunately the TV stations live by the mantra "if it bleeds it leads." This translates into more eyeballs for the stations and more eyeballs means more advertisers. When they say they are serious about crime they mean they are serious because crime news will bring in more revenue.

Also conservatives worry more about crime than non conservatives so a conservative Democrat might be easier to swing for a Republican candidate if they think their area is plagued by crime. Trump often boasts that he will bring down the crime rate which plays into this mindset.

The city could place a few digital signs around town highlighting the crime numbers I listed above. Many crimes are tragic and we shouldn't dismiss the need to empathize with victims but a significant part of community safety involves people feeling that our police department is moving in the right direction.

The digital signs could even occasionally include a brief quote from elected officials about their perspective on the issue which I'm sure many have given serious thought to given the time the council spends on the issue and public safety budgeting.

Craig Williams
San Leandro

Ruling Behind Closed Doors

Editor,

"Stand and Speak Together" writes Patty Breslin (Letters to the Editor, April 24, 2025). We stood and spoke last year, electing, in a landslide, His Excellency Donald J. Trump for President. So, stop the losers' whining.

This is the cry of the supporters who applauded the vandalizing of cities in 2020, and now the vandalizing of cars and the criminal invaders of U.S. borders who were never punished, while more than a thousand protesters against the fraudulent Democrats' regime were prosecuted and jailed. Now, they're talking about "due process" and "clemency."

The San Leandro City Council

is a good example of Democrats' ruling: Public meetings are cancelled often and, when they take place, fewer and fewer council members attend. At the last City Council meeting three council member were absent. The reason for it is that most of the city's issues are resolved behind closed doors, then brought up for ratification to the public meeting for a seven "yes" votes.

The City Council's sycophants have nothing to say about this. They're too busy criticizing the president elected in a landslide. They're the ones who painted the city with the "Black Lives Matter" slogan and applauded the boarded up downtown businesses.

Leo T. West
San Leandro

Why District Elections Are Better

Editor,

In the letters-to-the-editor section of the April 24 edition, reader Brent Heath takes exception to Robert Bulatao's efforts to bring district elections to San Leandro. I want to take a moment to explain why district elections would be a significant step forward for our city.

Localized Representation: When each district elects its representative, the unique needs of every neighborhood have a better chance of being heard.

Growing up below East 14th Street, I often felt that certain parts of San Leandro were overlooked. District elections would ensure that all areas—especially historically underrepresented areas—get a seat at the table.

Improved Diversity: District elections can open the door for more diverse representation, particularly for geographically concentrated communities.

This matters in San Leandro, where Asian Americans make up 38% of the population but hold just one seat on the City Council—only 14%. If memory serves, we've only had one other Asian American council member in the past. That's not reflective of our city, and it needs to change.

Cost-Effective Campaigning: Running citywide is expensive and discourages grassroots candidates. With district elections, candidates only need to reach voters in their local area, making campaigns more accessible and affordable. In the last election, three candidates ran unopposed—including one who missed five or six City Council meetings in a row. In the only contested race, it was the same two candidates from the previous three election cycles. Lowering barriers to entry can help revitalize our local democracy.

Enhanced Accountability: When elected officials represent smaller, defined areas, they become

more responsive to their constituents' specific concerns, building stronger, more accountable local leadership.

San Leandro deserves a more inclusive, representative, and responsive government. It's time to stop stalling and move to district elections.

Mike Santos
San Leandro

Due Process

Editor,

There are many reasons that Trump's immigration rhetoric and actions are damaging to all immigrants, and resist the idea that mass deportations make us safer. Firstly, people detained need due process. Without due process, how could someone ever defend themselves in case of an unrightful detention?

Trump has shown that he will target tourists, undocumented immigrants, permanent residents, international students, asylum seekers, and folks throughout the so-called "legal" way.

Many don't even realize they are undocumented until applying to college. There was even a case of a 66-year-old unknowingly Canadian-born American who lived his whole life expecting to receive Social Security that only came to know that he was undocumented the whole time.

These aren't criminals and removing them from our country does not make us safer. Other immigrants might now be encouraged to commit more hit-and-runs, avoid schools and hospitals, less likely to report violent crimes to police.

You speak of criminals and violent offenders, no one believes a murderer should go free — well, no one except Trump, judging by his decision to pardon the J6 rioters. Good people are being deported and we are all less safe because of it.

Erick Gutierrez
San Leandro

Misguided City Policy

Editor,

A business with no sign is a sign of no business. Given the fact that 99 percent of businesses fail in the first year, why would the city sign police harass owners of businesses.

You want to clean East 14th Street, start with garbage, litter, couches, abandoned cars and graffiti. After that, you can contact property owners, not business owners, and have them invest in some paint and landscaping.

We have people selling fruit on corners, cooking chicken and ribs, guys driving golf carts all over town selling. It seems the person who hangs up a single and does it by the book gets bullied by the city.

A business will evolve many times just to survive, so if a busi-

ness has to adjust signage, good, let them. Support them. Don't come to the front door and threaten to fine people just because you can. You're not the one putting that key in the door every day.

Larry Arnold
San Leandro

A Complicated Issue

Editor,

Corey Anderson (Letters to the Editor, April 24, 2025), I understand your passion for this issue, but I must respectfully disagree with your conclusions. The idea that deporting individuals who are in this country illegally is inherently beneficial, and that doing so somehow makes us safer, oversimplifies a complex issue.

First, it's important to distinguish between illegal immigrants who are involved in criminal activities, and those who are here to work, study, or contribute positively to society.

The tragic examples you mentioned, such as the death of Officer Daniel Niemi, are horrifying and should not be ignored. However, these isolated incidents do not represent the entirety of the immigrant population, which includes many who contribute greatly to our communities, including those on student visas like the one who helped Bruce Joffe's father.

It's also critical to note that a student visa holder who followed the legal path to enter and stay in the U.S. is not the same as an individual who has crossed the border illegally or is involved in criminal activities. We need to maintain a sense of balance when discussing immigration, focusing on effective enforcement against criminals while not punishing those who abide by the law.

Demonizing entire groups of people based on the actions of a few is counterproductive and unjust. As much as we need to safeguard our communities, we should also remain mindful of the humanity of those seeking a better life.

In the end, we can make this country safer without resorting to blanket deportations that ignore the nuances of immigration laws and the lives of those who respect them.

Dan Winer
San Leandro

Where's the Ban on Election Signs?

Editor,

A sign in the window is nothing new.

Now owners need help from the ACLU. Each November, council folks as well as their reps Drop election signs all over my front doorsteps.

George Z. Banks
San Leandro

Wildfires: Have emergency supplies at home and at work

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Fire Risk in Hills

Some San Leandro and Castro Valley residents found out within the last few months just how flammable experts consider our beautiful hills to be, when CalFire updated its fire-risk maps.

Halog said you could help guard against both kinds of disasters by “hardening” your home against destruction and signing up for emergency alerts for your community. He suggested signing up for several counties’ alerts if your family is scattered throughout the area. He’s even signed up for alerts from Hawaii, where some of his family members live.

“The only downside is that you’re notified of every coyote that starts running around where people live in San Mateo County,” he said. That’s important information for those nearby, but less so here across the Bay.

While people have heard they should have a “go bag” with emergency supplies, Halog suggests having ad-

“The minute a quake hits, your dishes break on the floor. We don’t want people walking on glass.

— Ron Halog

ditional ones at work and in your car, or wherever a disaster might catch you without a chance to first return home. An audience member also suggested one for each pet as well as each human, since animals need to eat in case of disaster, too.

Some wildfire risks are easy to reduce, Halog said. If you have a deck, and you can easily store things under it, it

probably also lets leaves blow in. Those provide perfect kindling for a house fire if nearby trees catch fire.

Putting a five-foot-wide concrete walkway around your house increases the house’s survivability remarkably compared to having plants touch the house, he said.

Smoke Detectors

Having a working smoke detector is also vital, he said. The American Red Cross “Sound The Alarm” program will check your house, for free, for smoke detector protection, and install free smoke detectors for you if you need them. You can sign up for the program at www.redcross.org/sound-the-alarm.html

Halog also suggested checking that fire extinguishers are charged, and that people fill a Vial Of Life with vital information on yourself for emergency responders if you’re in no shape to talk when they rescue you. You leave those on top of your refrigerator with a decal on the front door alerting responders



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Trainer Ron Halog talks to the crowd at the emergency preparedness meeting sponsored by Assemblymember Liz Ortega at the San Lorenzo Adult School on Saturday, April, 26.

you have one. Halog also suggested leaving one inside your refrigerator in case the emergency is a fire.

Earthquakes present hazards from falling objects and blocked exits, Halog said. Keep your way out clear of obstructions at all times, just in case, he said. Put heavy items near the floor, not high up where they could fall and injure you. Secure pictures on walls, heavy furniture

and appliances with straps to the wall, and latch guards on cupboards and cabinets.

“The minute a quake hits, your dishes break on the floor. We really don’t want people walking on glass in an emergency, especially barefoot,” he said. Some disaster experts also suggest leaving an old pair of shoes by your bed overnight for this reason.

You can get more information on emergency

preparedness from Alameda County’s Emergencies website at www.alamedacountyca.gov/emergencysite/emergency-site.htm. General preparedness information is at www.acgov.org/ready/. You can also reach Assemblymember Ortega’s website at <https://a20.asmdc.org/>, or call her office with questions about specific kinds of help, especially from the state, at 510-583-8818.

Sings: Goes to Hollywood

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ward in my career,” Fanene said. “When I was younger I hadn’t felt confident enough to take the lead. But when I did, ‘American Idol’ was one thing I pursued to reach my goal of knowing who I am as an artist.”

The first few auditions for the show are done over Zoom, long before a contestant gets to sing in front of the judges in person, let alone be on television. More rounds follow in person, with some contestants being eliminated in each.

Fanene got one of those moments every American Idol contestant dreams of on the March 30 telecast when she won her “golden ticket” to move on to Hollywood to compete in further rounds of the show. She had just performed her version of Stan Walker’s “Unaware” and was awaiting the judges’ verdict.

“One of the most amazing, important things in a great singer is the first note,” judge Luke Bryan told her. “And your first note you hit just filled the room up.”

The praise continued with judge Lionel Richie.

“You turned into that little artist thing, where you went into your own vibe, into your

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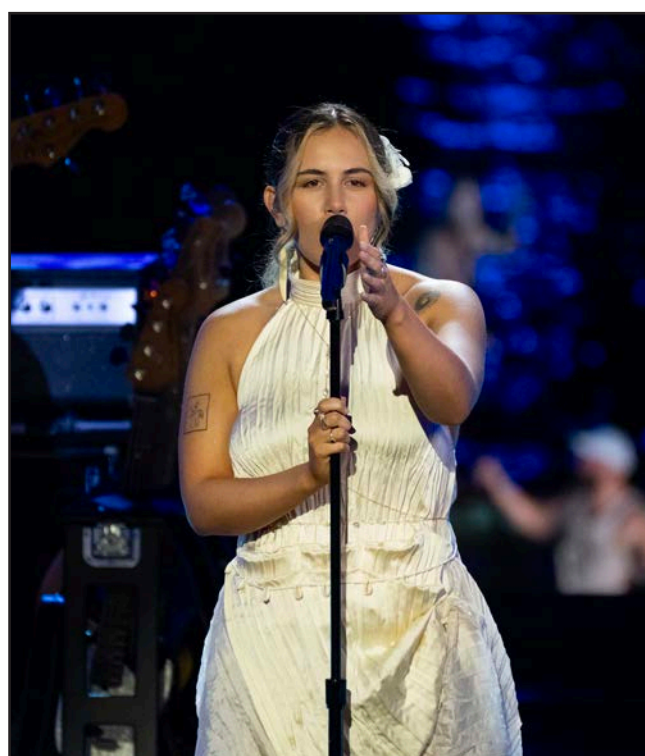


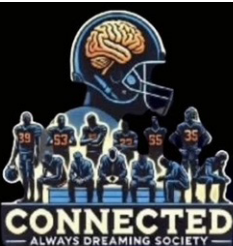

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Sings: First talent show at Corvallis School started everything

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own thing, and it was actually wonderful to watch,” Richie said.

The third judge, Carrie Underwood, said “You are very easy breezy. You’re doing a lot of things vocally that are very beautiful.”

Fanene only needed two “yes” votes to go on to Hollywood, but she got all three.

Her interest in music began early, in kindergarten at Corvallis School. Like many who have done well in a field, Fanene credits a teacher.

“My teacher Ms. Pam Fobert put on the first-ever talent show there,” Fanene said. “It was literally the start of everything. She made sure I harnessed my talents.”

Fanene continued on at

Washington Manor Middle School, but auditioned and got accepted at the Oakland School for the Arts, a visual and performing arts charter school in Oakland.

“I decided to focus more fully on music,” Fanene said.

Oakland School of the Arts works in association with the Fox Theater in downtown Oakland where Fanene sang

on stage and was in an a capella group, Vocal Rush. That group earned one of the top spots in NBC television’s reality singing competition show “The Sing Off.”

Fanene was the artist in residence for one season of the popular College Notes program at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. Her biography there described

her as “a rising Pop/R&B, Hawaiian and Samoan artist.”

Getting even more serious about music than she was in high school, Fanene won a scholarship to attend the Berklee School of Music, one of America’s top music schools, located in Boston. She performed with Berklee’s a capella group Pitch Slapped.

That exposure gained her

several singing and acting roles in movies such as 2022 Best Picture Oscar winner “CODA,” “It’s All True” and “Daddy’s Home 2.”

One thing Fanene, who is of Polynesian ancestry, gets to keep from her experience on

“American Idol was one thing I did to reach my goal of knowing who I am as an artist.

— Kyana Fanene

“American Idol” was meeting her Hawaiian family for the first time earlier in April. That followed her performing on ‘Idol’ at the Disney Aulani Resort in Ko Olina.

She performed a cover of Stan Walker’s “I Am” in the Maori language, getting a thunderous response from the crowd.

Fanene not making the Top 20 leaves Dublin’s Filo as the only remaining Bay Area contestant on this year’s “American Idol.”

The Top 14 were announced on Monday, May 21, with further eliminations getting down first to the Top 12 and eventually the finalists on May 18.

In an email, Fanene said of not making the Top 20, “It’s totally okay! I am just blessed to have done it.”

She’s still making plans for the next steps in her career.

“I would adore to come to the bay and perform,” Kyana Fanene said in the email. “I just gotta see what’s out there for me. Until then, I am very active on social media. My handle on everything is @itskyanafanene.”

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